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## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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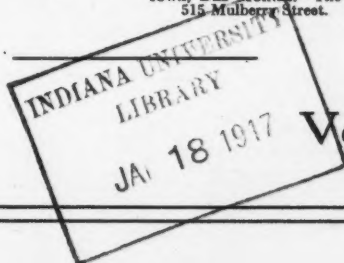
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COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
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TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
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270 E. 2d so. st.  
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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## DECEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### BEWARE OF THE BLONDE!

Paying tellers seem unable to resist her powers of fascination. She continues to pass her forged checks

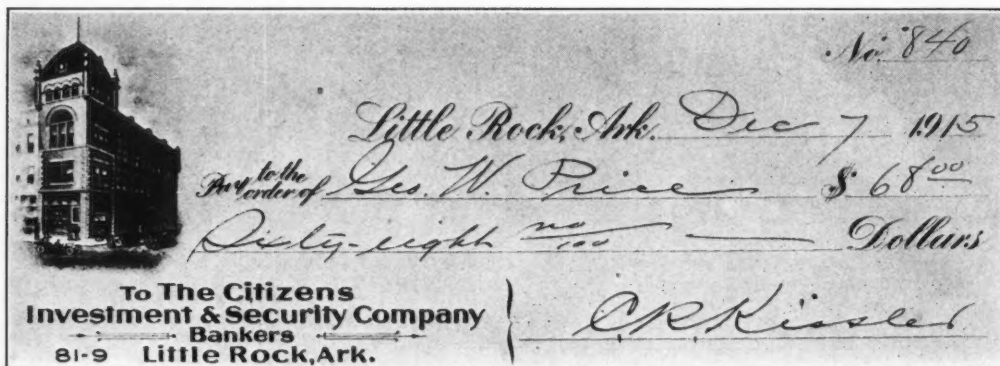
Paying tellers, beware of a pretty blonde who is conducting a wholesale swindling tour! She operates with a male accomplice but the latter does not go into the bank with the check. He leaves that to the woman, for tellers "fall" for her. In every case on record where she has victimized a bank and in which the teller gives a description of the operator it is stated, "She is a blonde, extremely pretty, has attractive blue eyes, a winning smile, an alluring manner, etc." Their description is the answer to the question of how they fell. This is how the pair operate (we quote from our November, 1916 issue): They write to a minister, attorney, or business man of your town and the letter will be such that an answer will be forthcoming. That's all he wants—the signature of a responsible party. Shortly thereafter she appears in your town and extends a check on a distant bank, which appears to bear the indorsement of the minister, business man, or the attorney. You consider the indorsement a true one but the woman is a stranger and you prefer to safeguard yourself. So you take your phone, intending to communicate with the indorser with regard to the check. "There's no use telephoning to him," politely interrupts the smiling beauty, "he's not at home. He would have come here to identify me but he had an important engagement. He thought his indorsement would be sufficient." You desist and ponder. The woman is talking to you so steadily, she is so attractive, she is so pleasant—well, you cannot put your mind down on the check. Finally you consider the favor you would be doing the indorser—you are mechanically counting out the cash and handing it to the woman. Later you are notified by the bank upon which the check is drawn that it is bogus. You at once notify the minister or the business man of this and he

promptly declares that he did not indorse the check for the woman in question. You are the victim. The indorsement is a perfect forgery. We reproduce a check bearing the forger's penmanship. She is known as Clara Phillips, Bessie Jacobs, Mary A. Horner, Stella W. Hearn, Ida R. Hecht, etc.; is 24 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds, of slender build, fair complexion. Has blue eyes and blonde hair.

### FORGES LETTER OF CREDIT

Presents credit letter of Fayette, Miss., bank, displays letter of identification, printed checkbook with leather case, etc. All are forgeries

There has come to us from the far west reports of an individual who has in his possession a letter of credit drawn for \$1,000 purporting to be issued by the Jefferson County Bank, Fayette, Miss., who carries also a letter of identification and printed checkbook with corresponding leather case, inscribed "Jefferson County Bank, Fayette, Miss." The southern bank brands his entire outfit as forgeries. "Frank Lawrence Kennedy," as this man claims to be, is unknown to that bank. The letter of credit carried the indorsement of apparently three prior drawings, when it was on November 27, presented to a member of Sacramento, Cal., one drawing at New York, another at Chicago and the last at Kansas City, Mo., aggregating \$600. The Sacramento bank cashed his draft for \$200 and are now losers of that amount. Kennedy then passed to Reno, Nev., where he displayed his credentials to a local bank, related that he had come in search of some missing relatives whom he desired to locate in order to wind up an estate and that he contemplated remaining at Reno for a short period. The bank cut his tale short by extending him \$200. Kennedy lost no time in bidding adieu to Reno. When his train stopped at Ogden, Utah, he alighted,





approached a bank there, endeavored to work a similar swindle but was forced to leave the bank empty handed. The cashier had observed a slight retouching in the letter of credit which awakened his suspicions. However, Kennedy got out of Ogden without the company of a policeman. He is 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds; dressed in neat and business-like clothes; presented the appearance of an active and successful business man. We are inserting a reproduction of his draft.



### FORGED CERTIFIED CHECKS

Oregon banks become victims of individual who presents supposed cashier's check of Fayette bank

Several banks of Oregon have been recently victimized by one C. J. Gaynor who succeeded in obtaining cash on checks purporting to bear the signature of the cashier of the Fayette National Bank, Idaho. The checks are forgeries. Many merchants were also defrauded by his checks. A warrant for his arrest is held at Nampa, Ore. He used also the names C. J. Landon, Roy Anderson, A. L. Preston, E. R. Mason. Is 40 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds, of light complexion, florid face.

*C. J. Gaynor*

### CLEVER OPERATOR ON WEST COAST

Alleged land buyer has defrauded two banks by forged checks

A member at Portland, Ore., and another at Walnut Creek, Cal., are the victims of one Roy Churchill, alias Edwin Carson, an individual who came to their towns in answer to ads of local land sellers, in one way or other secured a specimen of the latter's signatures, copied them as indorsements on bogus checks and negotiated the checks at the banks. At Portland, he represented himself as an agent of the Mid West Land & Development Co., Denver, Colo., which company had commissioned him, he stated, to purchase land in the west for colonization purposes. At Walnut Creek he stated to the ranch owner that he desired the property so

*Edwin Carson*

that he might place his mother and sister. Those approached declare that he is well educated and well versed in the land business. Our agents are working to apprehend this man, which investigation is being financed by the California and Oregon Associations as well as this Association. Churchill is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, of sandy complexion; has dark blue eyes, thick dark brown hair, streaked with gray on left side; large nose; smooth shaven face.

### MURDERS CASHIER OF TEXAS BANK

Masked robber fires three times at cashier, who later dies of his wounds. Bank offers reward of \$1,000 for arrest and conviction of culprit. One suspect taken.

The most stirring incident that has come to the notice of this department is the cold-blooded murder of Clarence A. Glass, cashier of the First State Bank, Point, Texas. At 9.45 P. M. on December 7, Cashier Glass had returned to the bank to do some corresponding. He sat at a table in front and to one side of the vault. He had just started his work when a voice rang out, "Throw up your hands." Glass turned. A masked man stood before him with leveled gun. Glass obeyed. Then came the command to open the vault. When Glass had done so he was made to enter. The holdup man followed. There came still another order. He must open the safe. But this he could not do. It was set with a time lock and could not be opened before 8 A. M. Glass tried the combination, just to satisfy the other, but, of course without result. Glass indicated a tray filled with nickels, dimes and quarters, placed on a shelf in the vault. The masked man gathered these up, then ordered the cashier to face about. This brought Glass facing the safe with his back to the robber. The masked man fired at Glass. The bullet forced its way into the rear right side of the cashier's neck and tore out below the right jaw. Glass fell to the floor and lay motionless. Even then the stranger was unsatisfied. He aimed again and pulled the trigger, not once but twice. One shot pierced the cashier's left arm in four places. The other entered at the center of the back and made exit in the right breast.

His work done, the masked man passed on. Glass raised himself to his feet, staggered to the doorstep, then ran in the street. Only a few yards were covered when he fell. Desiring only to tell someone, he managed to gather sufficient strength to crawl a hundred yards or more to the house of a resident. He awakened the latter who lifted him to a bed. Several doctors were summoned, but Glass died at 3.15 A. M.

Before he died he told his story and gave a description of the murderer.

The man hunt was begun. After many hours the local authorities took into custody as a suspect one Charley Carter. Investigations continue.

It is assumed that this was a premeditated murder and that it was carried out in the form of a robbery merely to cover up the seriousness of the crime.

The First State Bank, Point, Tex., has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the robber and murderer, who is described as follows: about 25 or 30 years, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 150 pounds; wore a medium light suit of clothes. His face was entirely covered by a mask of brown cloth.

## WARNING

FRANK ARMSTRONG has defrauded a member at Cedar Rapids, Ia., by cashing a check to which he had forged a fellow employee's endorsement. At this writing we have been unable to secure a description of the operator. The Iowa Bankers Association will co-operate with this Association.

GEORGE W. BROWN, recently employed as secretary by a special agent of the Standard Oil Company, Charlotte, N. C., has defrauded a Charlotte member in the cashing of a check to which had been forged the agent's name.

D. N. BRUCE, 30 to 35, is wanted at Liberal, Kans., on a charge of attempting to swindle a local hotel by worthless check. He is a cook; 6 feet 1 inch, 165 pounds, of slender build; has blue eyes, light hair; large nose and mouth; is a Swede. The sheriff at Liberal holds warrant.

*D. N. Bruce*

E. BURKE, known also as Harry Breke, George H. Foster, Bankard, has victimized a member at Greensboro, Md., by bogus checks. He represented himself as a president of E. Burke & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. He is 40 years, 5 feet 7½ inches, 221 pounds; has dark chestnut hair, dark blue eyes. Bertillon: 71.5 73.0 91.5 15.1 14.2 6.5 26.6 11.2 8.6 46.3.†



E. BURKE

FRANK BURNELL, who sometimes uses the name of G. Burnell, is reported by a member at Junction City, Kans., as having sold property on which they held a mortgage and then departed with the funds. He is a follower of horse racing, in fact has been associated with the Junction City Racing Association, as driver, for one year. He is 35, 5 feet 6 inches. He is a great boaster.

OTIS W. COBB is wanted on a warrant sworn to by a member at Norfolk, Va. He defrauded this bank by depositing a check which was returned protested but not until Cobb had drawn against it. Cobb has a jail record. He is a ball-player, fond of women and spends most of his time in their company. He is 26 years, 5 feet 10¾ inches, 170 pounds;

*Otis W. Cobb*



OTIS W. COBB

has black hair, brown eyes. Bertillon: 79.4 82.0 92.9 19.3 15.5 6.4 26.3 11.5 8.7 48.3.

H. E. COLBY, 25, has put to loss a member at Taylor Falls, Minn., in the cashing of a worthless check drawn on the First State Bank of Lockhart, Lockhart, Minn. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build, light complexion; has appearance of a mechanic.

RHODES H. COX, who has used the name Charles E. Brennemann, has secured cash on a bogus check drawn against the Lake Shore Banking & Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, from a member at Bozeman, Mont. Cox was employed at Bozeman as a department store clerk. He is 30 years, 6 feet, 180 pounds, of dark complexion; has thick, black hair; thick lower lip and strong jaw. Sheriff at this place holds two warrants for Cox; one charging him with false pretenses, and the other with grand larceny. County will extradite.

AMOS C. CRAM. On November 23, a man giving this name opened an account at a member bank in Chicago, Ill., depositing a check on the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Compton, Calif., also \$5 in cash. A day later he endeavored to have a check for \$25 cashed, which request was refused. He then drew out \$5 as deposited in cash. The Compton bank pronounces this check as bogus. He is 25 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, of dark complexion and lean face; Hebrew appearance.

W. W. CUTRELL is sought by our agents in behalf of a member at Nashville, Tenn., whom Cutrell put to loss by mortgage swindle and forged notes. Cutrell conducted a business at Nashville of buying up bankruptcies stocks and selling them at retail or wholesale, also pasturing cattle and fattening them for market. He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 pounds; is said to have a cork leg or foot and noticeably walks lame. Warrant is held by the police at Nashville.

J. H. CUMMINS, referred to in the July, 1915, Journal-Supplement, page 4, as being wanted for the passing of bogus checks, recently operated at Indianapolis, Ind., defrauding a local bank. The secretary of the Indiana Bankers Association, Indianapolis, has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and detention of J. H. Cummins, alias J. H. Baker, alias Hendricks. This totals \$250 on the head of this man, \$100 hav-

*J. H. Cummins*



J. H. CUMMINS

ing been offered by William J. Burns, President of The William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., \$100 by Angelo Molinar, Kemerer, Wyo. The operator is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 190 to 200 pounds, of stocky build; has dark gray eyes, dark complexion, iron gray hair, inclined to curl, prominent chin, is slightly deaf in left ear, talks with lisp. Warrant is held at Indianapolis.

L. G. DICKINSON and J. B. DICKINSON are reported as having victimized a member at Hinton, Okla. The bank declares that the men came to their town about a month previous. One contracted for the local newspaper and the other a local moving picture theatre, opened an account at the bank, with a check on the Citizens Exchange Bank, Troy, Tex., and proceeded to draw against it. Unexpectedly, for the bank and local individuals, the Dickinsons left Hinton. Their check was returned as bogus; they left numerous bills calling for settlement; the newspaper plant was well nigh wrecked. Our agents are now conducting a search for the men.

*J. B. Dickinson*

E. S. ELDREDGE is wanted by a member at Philadelphia, Pa., on a warrant charging forgery. He succeeded in passing upon them a bogus check drawn on the Union National Bank, Wilmington, Del. An investigation by our agents is under way and it is expected that Eldredge will be apprehended within a short while. He is 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds; has dark hair and eyes; talks well and dresses in high fashion.

W. S. GARVER and WILLIAM GARVER, alleged contractors, recently appeared at Yreka, Cal., and declared to a local member they had a contract at Hornbrook, Cal. They desired to open an account, gave a sight draft on a bank at Oakland, Cal., and secured a book of checks. On the same day they did the same in another bank of Yreka, then went forth in the town to scatter the checks on the banks. Oak-

land pronounced their drafts as worthless. They operated likewise at San Francisco. W. S. Garver is 48 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds; has light hair and eyes, florid, complexion; not neat. William Garver is 5 feet 8 inches, 170 pounds, of florid complexion; hands of a laborer. Claimed to hail from Des Moines, Iowa.

*W. S. Garver*

M. E. GODFREY, negro minister, known also as James Godfrey, Mose E. Godfrey, has victimized a member at Ashburn, Ga., by forged checks. He is believed to have gone to Pennsylvania. Bank describes him as 6 feet 2 inches, 160 to 175 pounds, wore a short mustache. Declares he is a "big" talker and brags of his honesty.

GEORGE GRACEY, who at times represents himself as a licensed plumber, is wanted, it is alleged, on a warrant held by the sheriff at Medicine Lake, Mont., sworn to by a local member bank, charging Gracey with defrauding by forged checks. This bank describes Gracey as 40 years, medium height, 150 pounds, of sandy complexion; has a lean face and said to be a habitual drinker.

J. D. HARRIS, who while employed by a contractor of Pryor, Okla., is alleged to have forged the name of a depositor of a local bank member to several checks which the bank paid on and became victimized, is sought by our agents. Harris is 21 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 150 pounds; had an impediment in his speech; has two upper gold teeth.

ROBERT HITCHWELL, 25, is wanted by a member at Factoryville, Pa. Hitchwell secured funds on a check which bears the forged endorsement of the owner. He is Scotch, 5 feet 10 inches, 135 pounds, thin, ruddy complexion, sandy hair; has slight growth of hair on upper lip; front teeth missing, except eye teeth; first joint of index finger missing on one hand.

J. A. HOWARD, alias Joe Alexander, is wanted by a member at Frederick, Okla., on a charge of swindling by bogus check. He is a horse and mule buyer. Police at Frederick hold warrant. Bank offers \$25 reward for information leading to arrest. Howard is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 130 pounds; has black hair, sallow complexion. One eye is crossed and appears to be sightless.



CLARENCE A. HYDE

CLARENCE A. HYDE has victimized a member at Milford, N. J., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged the signature of his former employers, a lumber company of Richmond, Va., with plant at Milford. This man is an ex-convict and dangerous, inasmuch as we have records to prove that within the past few years he has committed

numerous similar offenses at different points. The Milford member has sworn to a warrant for his arrest which is held by their county authorities. Hyde is a Southerner, married and the father of a girl. The most striking feature of his description is his teeth which are said to be set far apart, protrude, and appear almost as tusks. He is 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds; has dark brown hair; is left handed; walks with heavy stride. Sheriff at Franklin, La., sometime ago issued a \$200 reward circular for the arrest of this man in which he states Hyde embezzled \$900 from a lumber company of Garden City, La. Has served a two year term in the Virginia State Prison for forgery.

**FRANK L. JOHNSTON.** A check made payable to Frank L. Johnston, purporting to be signed by a local real estate man was on November 21 cashed at a bank of Spokane, Wash. The former pronounced the signature a forgery. Johnston is 30 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, of slender build; of light complexion and hair; had the appearance of a ranch hand.

**GEORGE W. LEE, 30,** who represents himself as connected with the American Bureau of Credit Accounts, New York, N. Y., has defrauded a member at Montclair, N. J., in cashing a forged check. Lee is 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds, of stocky build; has dark hair, brown eyes, full round face.

*George W. Lee*

**DAN LILLIE,** who has conducted large farms in the vicinity of Mitchell and Vivian, So. Dak., and who has been considered reputable, is alleged to have victimized two member banks of Mitchell, So. Dak., in the cashing of worthless checks drawn on the Vivian State Bank. He was well known at the banks and experienced no difficulty in securing the desired cash. He is 49 years, 6 feet, 175 pounds, of slender build but large frame; has a weather-beaten face, thin slightly red hair, blue eyes and a rasping voice.

**M. J. LOCKMAN,** alias W. E. Henderson, has put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the passing of two checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature. The checks were not cashed in the bank but paid upon when presented there by local merchants. The operator is 35 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, of dark complexion; dresses as a laborer.

**FRED MEMORY,** who claims to be a race track man and owner of several splendid horses, has victimized a member bank at National City, Cal., by drawing \$100 against a \$500 check deposited. The First National Bank, Ogden, Utah, has branded this check as bogus. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in an endeavor to cause the arrest of this operator. Memory is 25 to 30 years, 6 feet, 150 pounds; has gray eyes, medium light hair, sandy complexion; smokes cigarettes, dresses in "flashy" clothes and wore several diamonds, possibly imitations.

**B. L. PIPER,** two months ago, opened an account with a Boston, Mass., member and subsequently tendered a check on which he obtained credit, on the form of the Meshaka Mfg. Co., Boston, made payable to the Royal Indemnity Co., endorsed Royal Indemnity Co., B. L. Piper. The bank to which the check was drawn announced that this endorsement was not satisfactory; that Piper had no authority to endorse the name of the indemnity company. The Boston member was victimized.



I. R. MORGAN

**I. R. MORGAN, 31,** has defrauded a member at Birmingham, Ala., in the cashing of a check to which he forged the endorsement of the owner. He is 6 feet 1 inch, 175 pounds, dark complexion, hair and eyes; born at Vienna, Ill.

**PETER W. PINNEO,** who has been employed as second cook by a customer of a member bank at Everett, Wash., it is alleged, has defrauded the bank by cashing several checks to which he forged the depositor's signature.

**H. REYNOLDS** has defrauded a member at Grace City, No. Dak., by means of a raised check. Description not available at this time.

**GLENN SCOTT,** said to have used also the names J. M. Rector, Lee Fox, has put to loss a member at Liberal, Kans., by passing two forged checks. It is alleged that he is an ex-sailor, a gambler, and has served time in the Michigan State Prison. He is 28 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 210 pounds, very heavy build; has sandy hair, stubby sandy mustache; tattoo of woman's head and bust, also snake on right forearm. Warrant is held by sheriff at Liberal.

**FRANK SHMIDT, 28 to 30,** has put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the passing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, has light curly hair, "pop" eyes.

**J. A. SMITH** recently came to Terrell, Tex., purported to have some legal business to transact and conferred with a leading attorney in regard to it. He dictated several letters to the latter's stenographer and readily convinced all that he was a man of knowledge and action. Incidentally he declared a desire to become acquainted with the local bankers. The attorney presented him to a Terrell member bank and while the latter was engaged in an outside conversation Smith took the opportunity to inform the bank of his desire to draw on his home bank for \$100. A draft was made (without the attorney's endorsement) and cashed. It was returned protested by the Bank of Benton, La. The attorney, however, took up the draft inasmuch as he felt morally responsible. Smith may try this elsewhere. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, has brown hair; goes well dressed; carries pass supposed to be issued by the Kansas City Southern R.R.

*J. A. Smith*





ELLA SMITH

ELLA SMITH, 22 (appears 25), on November 24 put a member at Dallas to a loss when she presented at the bank the pass book of a depositor, represented herself as the depositor, and succeeded in drawing out the full amount on deposit. The book was stolen from its owner. Ella Smith is 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, of good figure, dark complexion; has brown hair (now dyed black). It is believed she has gone to Kansas City, Mo.

FRED W. SOMSTROM, who has done business at Wallingford, Conn., as a contractor and builder, is now wanted by a local member on a charge of having defrauded them by notes bearing forged endorsements. Warrant is held by chief of police at Wallingford. Somstrom is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 to 160 pounds; has blonde hair, light, weather beaten complexion, blue eyes; is smooth shaven; has appearance of a Swede.

ROBERT WILLIAM SPENCER, alias H. Snyder, has put to loss a Memphis, Tenn., member by means of a forged check. He is 27, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds; combs his hair, which is wavy, in pompadour style.

LIONEL STEEL defrauded a member at St. Anthony, Idaho, several months ago by means of a forged security note. He has since left St. Anthony, his home town and the member bank has had a warrant issued for Steel's arrest. He is 5 feet 11 inches, 150 pounds, of light complexion. Claims to be a salesman of musical instruments.

EDWARD STONE, 32, has secured cash from a member at San Francisco, Cal., on a check to which he forged the signature of a minister of San Francisco who had befriended him. Stone is 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds; has dark brown eyes and hair; is stoop shouldered. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in financing an investigation.

J. B. SWARTZ is reported by a member of Mt. Clemens, Mich. They declare that on December 9, he opened an account, depositing \$100 in cash. He expected to operate a local dry goods establishment. Two days later he was credited with \$158.14, checks on the National Bank of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio, by M. L. Martin, and on the Forest City Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, by B. Klein & Co. Both checks have been protested, the first as "no account." In

the meantime checks of Swartz had been honored to the amount of \$192.76. This left a balance on the account of \$65.38 against which to charge the two checks referred to and their protest fees. The bank is skeptical about Swartz's transaction. They have refused payment on two checks which he has issued and pronounced their intentions of so denying any other checks of his. This is merely a memorandum for the information of our members.



JOHN E. TIETGE

JOHN E. TIETGE, alias Ernest Tietge, is reported to us by a member of Sioux City, Ia., who declares that they are anxious to secure his arrest for the disposing of mortgaged property. Sioux City police hold warrant. He is 30 years, 5 feet 8 to 10 inches, 160 pounds; has brown hair, large brown eyes; gold in front teeth. Is of pleasing appearance. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this case.

R. E. WALDEN, 29, is named in a warrant sworn to by a member at St. John, Kans., which charges Walden with defrauding by means of a forged note. Walden is 6 feet 1 inch, 165 to 170 pounds, of medium build, very erect; has dark eyes and hair and a large hooked nose.

M. C. WELLS has put to loss a member at Tremonton, Utah, in the passing of a bogus check. He represented himself as connected with the Gage Millinery Co., Chicago, Ill. He is 6 feet, 170 pounds, of light complexion; has light hair and blue eyes.



J. D. WHITESIDE

J. D. WHITESIDE, until recently employed as bookkeeper by a firm at Detroit, Mich., has defrauded a local



member by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer's) signature. It was determined that Whiteside had been forging checks for sometime and when received from the bank he would immediately destroy them. Inasmuch as he was trusted and the officials never questioned his books and statements, Whiteside was enabled to collect practically \$3,800. They now declare their accounts short this amount. A warrant is held by the police and an investigation is under way. He is 34 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds, of slender build, fair complexion; has light brown hair, blue eyes; has rheumatism, carries cane; wears large, gold rimmed glasses; usually wears bright colored vest and tie. We reproduce specimens of his penmanship.



EVERETT AUBIN WICKLINE, 31, has put to loss a member at Pawnee, Okla., by cashing a worthless check on the Commercial Germania Trust Savings Bank, New Orleans, La., which bore the imprint of a fictitious certification stamp. Is said to reside in New Orleans. At one time was employed by Bankers Life Insurance, Des Moines, Ia. Is 5 feet 10 inches, of slim build, is smooth shaven; has dark hair and eyes. Has served time in past.



JOHN C. YOST, of Harrisburg, Ill., is said to have defrauded two banks at Eldorado, Ill., in cashing two checks drawn on the Saline Trust & Savings Bank, Harrisburg, Ill. The latter banks declare that Yost has not had funds on deposit for about two years. He is employed in the State Independent Order Odd Fellows.

## GENERAL

### C. E. JOHNSON VICTIMIZED MANY HOTELS

Individual who passed numerous forged checks of the Perfection Bedding Co. is arrested at Santa Barbara

A most successful hotel swindler who has covered practically the entire middle west and Pacific coast in his operations, was arrested at Santa Barbara, Cal., on October 30, by the local authorities upon information of our detective agents. This man commenced his underhand work almost a year ago. He had checks printed to which he forged the name of an official of the Perfection Bedding Co., Chicago, Ill. He represented himself as an agent of this company. Hundreds of hotels cashed the checks. Our representatives circularized the hotels of the entire western coast and when on October 30, this man endeavored to cash a check at a Santa Barbara hotel, they immediately notified our agents who co-operated with the Santa Barbara authorities and the arrest was effected. The operator used also the names: C. E. Jones, W. E. Strong, W. E. Thompson, W. A. Dillon, J. F. Strong, W. E. Jones, C. E. Stone, C. L. Adams, W. A.



C. E. JOHNSON.

Dallas, J. E. Alexander, C. E. Ellsworth, etc. His true name is Wynberg A. Dalbey. On his return to Fresno, Cal., he confessed his operations and was sentenced on December 1 to five years in the California State Penitentiary, San Quentin. He is 30 years, 5 feet 7¾ inches, 131 pounds; has blue eyes, curly hair. Is Scotch-English. Bertillon measurements not available. Finger prints: 27/4 1/01 — 15.



### COUNTERFEIT \$5 NOTE

Under date of December 4, 1916, the Treasury Department, Washington, reported the following counterfeits:

"On the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; check letter "D"; plate number 5; W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Lincoln. This counterfeit is apparently printed from Photolithographic plates, on good quality bond paper, on which red and blue ink lines are made to imitate the silk fiber of the genuine. The number of the specimen at hand is B9313900A. At first glance this counterfeit is deceptive, but upon examination it should be readily detected."

### \$5 SILVER CERTIFICATE

"Series of 1899; check letter "D;" plate number either 807 or 207; Gabe E. Parker, Register of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States. This counterfeit is printed from etched plates, on one piece of paper. The silk threads of the genuine are imitated by printed lines, black on the face and green on the back. The number of the specimen is M27451468. The figures of this number are too large and poorly formed. It is a poor counterfeit."

### \$20 RESERVE NOTE

"On the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; check letter "B"; W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury; John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Cleveland. This counterfeit is apparently printed from etched plates, on fair quality paper, ink lines being made to imitate

the silk fiber of the genuine. The portrait of Cleveland is particularly poor, the lathe work broken and disconnected. In fact, the note is a poor counterfeit, and should not deceive careful handlers of money."

### LOST CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

The First National Bank, Troy, Kan., has issued the following notice:

Certificate of Deposit No. 4116, dated September 25, 1916, \$600, due in 12 months and bearing 3% from date issued to George Steinbrenner, is claimed to have been stolen from him three days ago when he passed the night at a house on 5th Street. He did not notice the loss until he reached Highland, Kan., and then he telephoned this bank of his loss. This certificate and a five dollar bill were missing.

We send this information for your files, as some attempt will likely be made to cash this paper.

### STOLEN BONDS

Under date of December 18th, 1916, the Helena Banking Company, Helena, Ohio, notified the Association as follows:

"On the morning of December 13th, about 3 o'clock, burglars entered the front door of our bank by breaking the latch on the door. They used two charges of nitro-glycerine. One charge opened the outer doors, the second charge opened one of the second doors, one remained closed, which made it a little inconvenient to put a charge on the inner doors which contained the cash. They were scared away by one of our citizens. A few of our citizens heard the explosion, which was about 3 o'clock in the morning. The robbers seem to be expert safe-blowers. They received \$32.13 in cash; they opened all the deposit boxes and took with them three Putnam County Road Bonds, numbered 8-9-12 of \$1,000.00 each, dated April 1, 1912, due April 1, 1920. These bonds belonged to Mr. Jno. C. Dudgeon of this place.

### CORRECTIONS

In our December, 1916, issue, we placed the title, "GENERAL" on page 87 over the article on Stanley Briske. It should have been brought over to page 86 and placed over the article titled "Hotel Operator Captured." Also on page 91 of this same issue we placed the heading, "ARRESTED" over the article titled "Bank Robbers Foiled." It should have been given on page 89 over the article titled "Law's Net Snares Burglars." Again, on page 95 of this issue we inserted the heading "CONVICTED" over the article on "C. C. Harley." It should have been inserted on the preceding page over the article which reads, "Whites of Eggs has started to pay the penalty," etc. We also wish to refer to page 84 where the articles on E. N. Holden and Mauro Movio appear. These two articles should be corrected to read E. N. Hollen and Mauro Bovio.

A. F. ANDERSON, alias Arthur Spencer, is passing bogus checks throughout Chicago, Ill., drawn on the Lincoln State Bank, Chicago. The checks are in the amounts of \$5 and \$10, and have been tendered to saloons and merchants.

M. A. BARTON has victimized a depositor of a member at Colfax, Wash., by cashing a forged check of the McGowan Bros. Hardware Co., Spokane, Wash., C. S. Peterkin, Treas.

The form of check used by the operator is one long dispensed with by the hardware company.

HAROLD BENNETT. Checks made payable in this name, signed Wheeling Steel & Iron Co., drawn on the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., Wheeling, W. Va., have recently been cashed at Pittsburgh, Pa. The bank carries no account for this company while the latter pronounces Bennett as an unknown party. He claimed to represent their concern.

JAMES R. BLANCHARD has passed at Malden, Mass., a bogus check drawn on the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, Providence, R. I.

F. A. BROWN, alias B. H. Canon, is passing worthless drafts on S. F. Bowser & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., throughout the Southern states. Brown is 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 225 pounds; has light brown hair; a small scar on both upper and lower lip.

GEORGE H. BRYANT, at East Aurora, N. Y., has passed several bogus checks on the First National, Douglas, Ariz. He hails from Douglas and marks his checks, "B. P. O. E. 247."

CHARLES W. CHENEY, alias Bert A. Wilcox, alleged carpenter of Angola, Kan., has defrauded two hardware stores of Parsons, Kan., with worthless checks. He appeared in the store with an arm bandaged and in workingman's clothes, declaring that he had received the check to cover the expense of caring for his injured arm. The stores readily accepted the checks. He is 35 years, 150 pounds, of slim build, sallow complexion.

H. L. CLARKSON. A member at Paris, Tenn., reports that one H. L. Clarkson has passed a bogus check for \$60 on a hotel at that place. He is 49 years, 150 pounds, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches, gray hair, slightly bald, dark complexion, upper and lower front teeth out, and claimed to represent the Carson Perie & Scott Dry Goods Co., Chicago, Ill. and Atlanta, Ga. as his residence. While at Paris, he wore a dark blue suit, smooth goods, mouse colored overcoat, black Fedora hat and black shoes.

J. C. DIXON, JR., alias Henry Lawrence, has operated throughout Atlanta, Ga., with bogus checks on the Lowry National, Atlanta. They purport to be checks of the American Bridge Company. Clothing stores in large numbers are his victims. He is 24 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds; has small mustache.

FRANK DUNCAN, 60, is passing checks on the First National Bank, Denver, Colo., to which he forges the name of the bank's cashier, also stamps them with a forged certification. He has defrauded several merchants of Effingham, Ill., where he has resided and attended a school of photo-engraving. He has a printing outfit and no doubt made these checks up for himself.

JOHN FREEMAN, 42, has passed many bogus checks at East Las Vegas, N. Mex., on the form of the McArthur-Durkin Construction Co., drawn against the Pioneer State Bank, Denver, Colo. He is 6 feet 2 inches, 200 pounds.

MRS. LAURA TODD ERB, 23, has confessed to the police at Nashville, Tenn., where she was arrested on November 29th, that she passed bogus checks on hotels of Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa, Fla. She also endeavored to operate at Birmingham, Ala. Her checks were drawn upon the New Netherlands Bank, New York, N. Y., also the Columbus Bank, Columbus, Ga. She declared to our agents that at no time did she operate against a bank. She is 5 feet 5½ inches, 188½ pounds, of stout build; has light brown hair



MRS. LAURA TODD ERB

and eyes; is a demonstrator. Bertillon: 66.9 67.0 87.0 18.8 15.2 13.1 5.7 24.2 8.0 42.5. Has used also the aliases: Laura Todd, "Billy" Williams, Leona McMullen, Laura Byrne, Laura Ruge, Ella Pennington, Mrs. George F. Ross.

FREDERICK J. HOPKINSON has passed at Brookline, Mass., a bogus check drawn on the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I.

PETER HURLEY. Checks made payable in this name, signed E. S. Simpson, drawn on the Mechanics National Bank, Providence, R. I., purporting to bear the certification of the bank's cashier, were recently cashed at Hartford, Conn. They are branded at Providence as bogus and rank forgeries.

W. L. JOHNSON, has passed at Grafton, W. Va., a bogus check drawn against the Day & Night Bank, Charleston, W. Va. He purchased goods with it, getting change in cash, and ordered the selections forwarded to Lumberport, W. Va. He is unknown there.

O. E. LOGAN, who presents a card reading "3040 Flora Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., Oil Stocks & Bonds," has defrauded several merchants of Kansas City in the cashing of bogus checks. On a Saturday afternoon, Logan opened an account in cash with a local bank, obtained a checkbook, then set forth to crowd his checks upon the merchants. They were readily accepted. However, before they could be presented on Monday morning, Logan was at the bank and had drawn out all his deposit. He is 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 190 pounds.

PETER LUND, who wears a Mason emblem, has passed two bogus checks upon merchants at Cranford, N. J., drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y. The checks are signed W. O. Demott. In presenting the checks, he called attention to the emblem he wore.

JAMES T. McKAY. Bogus checks on the Stockman's Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., are being passed upon saloon keepers throughout Chicago. Names usually appearing on the checks are:—Joseph J. McKnight, Fred Yanaban, James T. McKay and John Ryan. The operator is described as 29 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds; has dark hair and complexion.

WM. H. MANNING, alias William Manning, alias Frank Howe, who has passed numerous bogus checks throughout the State of Ohio, merchants the victims, was on November 18 arrested in Columbus, Ohio. He posed as a traveling salesman. He has a previous record at Cleveland, Ohio.

*Wm. H. Manning.*

ALEX MASS is drawing worthless checks on the City National Bank, San Antonio, Tex. Several have been cashed at Houston, Texas.

E. M. MESSLER, 30, has passed bogus checks at Altoona, Pa. Local police declare that he stamped in the name "Altoona Lime & Cement Co." There is no concern of this name at Altoona. Messler is 5 feet 9 inches, lame in left leg, has a florid face, dressed as a laborer.

M. MICHAELSON, 30, who has drawn several bogus checks against the Broadway National Bank, Chelsea, Mass., and cashed them at Boston and vicinity, was on December 13, arrested by the police at Pittsburgh, Pa., upon information furnished by our agents. He will be returned to New Britain, Conn.

THOMAS MITCHELL, is reported by the Charleston Trust & Savings Bank, Charleston, Ill., as having secured a book of their checks through fraud and is issuing the checks. He is 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds; has dark hair; speaks with English accent.

T. N. PATTERSON, recently presented to a member at Smyrna, Del., a check payable to himself, so indorsed, also indorsed by a local hotel man. It was made payable at the Union National, Newark, N. J., and bore the printed advertisement of the "Booth Maney Service Corporation, Newark, N. J." The check was returned to the member as a fraud. This alleged corporation cannot be located at Newark. Hotel man is sufferer.

JOHN RINEHART, a clever violinist, was arrested several months past at Purdy, Mo., where he had attempted to open a music store and endeavored to defraud the local bank with bogus draft; operated also at Alba, Mo. He has been tried at Cassville, Mo., but we are not notified as to the disposition of his case. Those interested consider that Rinehart is an old and persistent offender and desire additional record. He is 5 feet 11½ inches, 150 pounds, slender; wears glasses.

*John Rinehart*

CECIL SHARP, laborer, is drawing checks against the First National Bank, Santa Barbara, Cal., and cashing them throughout California. He no longer has funds at this institution. He is 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds.

RALPH P. SHAW, alias Oscar A. Ward, alias Paul N. Curtis, alias Wm. S. Elliott, etc., has defrauded merchants at several points in Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, with a bogus check represented as being issued by the "Massachusetts Insurance & Casualty Co.—Accident and Health Department, of Boston, Mass., payable through the Beacon Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., and bearing signature of Daniel K. Donnelly, Treas." He is 27 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, of athletic build, swarthy complexion; dresses in garb of mechanic.

W. L. STATHAM, alleged employee of the Encyclopedia Britannica Company, who recently attempted to open an account at the Security Savings Bank, Riverside, Cal., with a worthless check, secured a check book and then went forth in California passing out checks on the Riverside Bank, was on November 25, arrested at Needles, Cal. He is 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 9½ inches, of slim build, very pleasing address and appearance.

E. C. THOMPSON is drawing bogus checks against the Citizens State Bank, Wichita, Kans. They are made payable to R. Messall and have been cashed at Joplin, Mo.

## ARRESTED

### BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED

Two men who stole \$1,080 from Kansas Bank taken into custody

On November 8, 1916, the Security State Bank, Rose-dale, Kans., was held up and robbed of \$1,080 by two men who made their get-away by automobile. An immediate investigation was put under way. On December 5, the authorities at Kansas City, Mo., arrested one EARL BARTON, laborer, after a thorough "sweating" he confessed having robbed this bank with a friend named W. J. CROWLEY, alias "Specks." He revealed Crowley's whereabouts as St. Louis, Mo. The police of that place were notified and Crowley's arrest was made. Crowley has been returned to Kansas City, Mo.

### NAMED TULSA WORLD

Defrauded Tulsa, Okla. bank by check to which he forged name of local newspaper

The *Tulsa World*, newspaper of Tulsa, Okla., at one time employed SAMUEL P. MOORE as advertising solicitor. After severing connections with the paper, Moore continued to represent himself as still in their employ. In many instances he forged the name of the paper to checks which he claimed he had received for services performed and passed the checks. A member at Tulsa recently believed in Moore and his story and consequently became one of his victims. Our agents set out after Moore when it was proved that Moore was an old offender, having served a prison term, that he was also known as S. P. Moore, G. A. Hall, J. Burt Glenn, Eugene P. Hubbard, James D. Waggoner, etc., and that he had many forged checks of other publications. Our agents traced this individual to Ferris, Tex., where on December 9, they notified the local authorities and assisted in the arrest. Moore is 41 years (appears 35), 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, has sandy hair, is smooth shaven; his face is full and florid; his teeth wide apart and tusk like; is an ex-prize fighter and talks of promoting.

*Sam. P. Moore*

### ELECTRIC ALARM SAVES BANK

Hold-up men who entered Spokane bank to perpetrate robbery are scared off after cashier presses alarm button. Arrests follow.

The Union Park Bank, Spokane, Wash., has saved itself from robbery because it took the precaution to install an alarm, the push button of which was placed on the floor at

the cashier's desk, and the buzzer in a near-by grocery store. On November 2, two men, one a negro, came into the bank, and with leveled revolvers demanded the cashier to back into the vault and hand out the money. With commendable presence of mind the cashier to distract their attention snapped, "Put down those guns," and as he spoke he stepped to the side, pressing his foot upon the push button. A second later the grocer entered the bank; whereupon the holdup men,



STEPHEN SNYDER



CHARLES MARTIN

attracted to the latter, fired upon him and broke for the door. No money was taken. A number of citizens who heard the shots started in pursuit of the men and saw them take refuge in a barn. The police were notified and at once captured the men. The negro is Charles Martin, 28, a laborer locally employed, and the white man, Steve Snyder, 26, is an iron worker. Martin has been identified as William George Tucker, who has served time at San Quentin, Cal. Four days later these men were sentenced to 20 to 30 years in the Washington State Penitentiary.

Snyder is 5 feet 6½ inches, 159 pounds, of medium build; has brown hair, gray eyes, sallow complexion. Bertillon: 68.0 78.0 90.6 18.9 15.8 + 14.6 6.0 26.2 12.2 9.7 47.7. Prints: 13/25 R/u 0/00 10. Martin is 28 years, 5 feet 11¾ inches, 168 pounds, build muscular, has brown eyes. Bertillon: 81.3 97. + 97.1 19.6 15.4 14.3 6.5 + 29.2 13.2 10.0 52.0. Prints: 25/8 I/M.

(Through an oversight the above article was omitted in our December, 1916, publication. The arrests, however, were included in the statistics and will not therefore be totaled in the records for this last month.)

WAYDE R. BAGNALL, of the Third Oregon Regiment of Infantry, Portland, Ore., who has passed numerous bogus checks at Portland, also checks which he stole from the mail



box of a member of the regiment and to which he forged the endorsements, thereby defrauding a local member, was on November 18, arrested at Portland by our agents and the local authorities. He admitted these charges. He used the names S. H. Henshaw and S. H. Hackett. He is 27 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 150 pounds, of slender build; has brown hair, sallow complexion. Is a professional dancer.

EARL BARTON and W. J. CROWLEY, alias "Specks," are mentioned in a previous article as having been arrested for the holdup and robbery of the Security State Bank, Rosedale, Kans. Barton was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., by the local authorities and upon information furnished to the police his accomplice Crowley was captured by the police at St. Louis, Mo.

MRS. JOHN CHAMPLEVIER, 35, who it is alleged recently put to loss a member at Tunkhannock, Pa., in the cashing of several forged checks, was on December 2, arrested by our agents and the authorities at Churchville, N. Y. She is said to have used also the names of Mrs. A. Burke, Nellie Lott, and Minnie Heller. She is 5 feet 2 inches, 120 pounds, of medium complexion.

MRS. C. L. CLEMMENS, who has secured funds on several checks to which she forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank at Okmulgee, Okla., the member becoming loser, was on December 4, located at Okmulgee by our agents and turned over to the local police. She was identified and then admitted the forgery and passing.



FOSTER DAVIS

FOSTER DAVIS, negro, wanted by a member at Petersburg, Va., on a warrant charging forgery, and who was traced by our agents to Oyster Bay, N. Y., was on December 2, arrested by our agents and the local constable. Davis is 35 to 40 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds, well built, very dark negro, smooth shaven, has a prominent cut scar over his left eyebrow; two burn scars, one on back of head and one on back of left hand. This man later escaped from custody and is now sought as a fugitive from justice.

CLARENCE EAST, who some months past victimized a member at Nardin, Okla., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's (his father) signature, was on December 19, arrested at Fulton, Mo., by the local authorities, at the request of our detective agents.

TOM FOLEY, 18, wanted by a member at Ellwood City, Pa., on a warrant charging defrauding by forgery, was on November 20, arrested at Greenville, Pa., by the local authorities upon information furnished by our detective agents. Foley had defrauded this bank by forging his sister's name to several checks which the bank cashed. He is 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds.

LELAND I. GAY, 30, who has defrauded a member at Petersburg, Va., in the passing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on November 24, located by our agents at Newark, N. J. The local police were notified and the arrest followed immediately. He will be returned to Petersburg. He is 5 feet 4 inches, 110 pounds, has a long, thin nose.



MANNIE GUGGENHEIM

MANNIE GUGGENHEIM, alias M. Grabfelder, alias Morris Goldblatt, alias Emanuel Guggenheim, who is alleged to have put to loss a member at Pueblo, Colo., by worthless check, was on December 4, arrested by the authorities of Pueblo on information furnished by our detective agents. This man has a record at El Paso, Tex., as a forger. He is 32 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 108 pounds; of slender build, sallow complexion; has brown hair and eyes. Bertillon: 66.1 63.0 87.0 19.2 14.7 12.7 6.5 25.3 10.7 8.3 43.5. Finger Prints: 21/19 1/M 10.

FRANK HARMON, who during November was arrested at Houston, Tex., on a charge of burglary, was on November 17, identified by our agents as the one who had put to loss a local bank in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. Harmon, while rooming with the depositor had stolen his pass and checkbook and prepared a forged check.

PEARL JOHNSON, alias Mary Winford, alias Pearl Fabik, who has victimized a member at Wichita Falls, Tex., in the cashing of a check to which she had forged a depositor's signature, recently returned to the Industrial School, Oklahoma City, Okla., where she must serve a long sentence. She will, undoubtedly, be returned to Wichita Falls after her time has been served at Oklahoma City. Photo and description of this girl appear on page 71 of the November, 1916, Journal-Supplement.

EDWARD J. KAVANAGH, 25, who defrauded a member at Chicago, Ill., recently by having them cash a bogus check on the Irving Park National Bank, Chicago, was on December 6, located by our agents at Chicago. The local police were notified and made the arrest. Kavanagh is 6 feet, 230 pounds and of sandy complexion.

CARMINE LACOVARA and WILLIAM VALCANO, Italians, were on December 20, arrested in New York City, N. Y., by our agents and local authorities. Lacovara, who while employed in a business house as elevator runner, had taken the opportunity to extract from the mail of a tenant a letter containing a check. He forged the indorsement of the payee, then turned over the check to Valcano for cashing. The latter employed a uniformed messenger boy to take the check into the bank, when the teller at once identified the in-



dorsement as a forgery. He notified our agents who prepared a "dummy" envelope for the messenger. The latter left the bank for the spot designated by Valcano. A Burns man was at his heels. When the Italian had accepted the envelope he was grasped. The detective secured the necessary information from him in regard to Lacovaro, and the arrest of the latter followed immediately. They have each been arrested in New York City for offenses of various natures. Valcano is 25 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, of stocky build. Lacovara is 20 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds, of good build.

CHARLEY LEWIS, 32, who has victimized a member and numerous merchants at Marshall, Mo., by forged checks, was on December 9th, arrested at Marshall by the local authorities, while attempting to further his operations. He has also used the following names: J. H. Thomas, J. B. Centers, J. T. Thomas, J. B. Young, C. E. Brown. He has been released on bond. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 155 pounds, of slender build, dark complexion; has black hair and dark eyes.

ED. McQUEEN, who has put to loss a member at Houston, Tex., was arrested on November 27, at Houston by our agents and the local police. McQueen defrauded the bank by means of a forged endorsement on a note. He claimed to be a private detective but was unable to "out-sleuth" our agents.

SAMUEL MILLER, who victimized a member at Brooklyn, N. Y., by forging a depositor's (his employer) name to several checks and cashing of same, was on December 1, detained at the bank which he had entered to cash another forged check. On the arrival of our agents, Miller broke down and made a full confession. He is a mere youth.

JAMES A. MILLIGAN, alias James A. Miller, who has put to loss a member at Dallas, Tex., in the cashing of a check to which a depositor's signature had been forged, was on December 1, arrested at Tulsa, Okla., by our agents and local authorities. He was held pending his return to Dallas, but finally released on bond. (His hearing was set for December 8, on which date he failed to appear and is now a fugitive from justice, a warrant being held by the sheriff at Tulsa charging him as such.) He is 5 feet 9 inches, 170 pounds; has gray hair over temples; appearance of a prosperous business man.

*James A. Miller*

U. H. MORGAN, alias W. H. Moore, reported in the September, 1916, Journal-Supplement, page 44, as having been arrested by our agents and the authorities of Clinton, Okla., on August 3, for defrauding a member at Lamont and another at Garber, Okla., by bogus drafts, and who later escaped jail, was on December 14, located in jail at Dodge City, Kans., by our agents and the secretary of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He had been sentenced there on a charge of disorderly conduct.

SAMUEL P. MOORE, alias G. A. Hall, alias J. Burt Glenn, alias James D. Waggoner, mentioned in a previous article of this column, has been arrested at Ferris, Tex., by our agents and the local authorities. Moore had victimized a member at Tulsa, Okla., by passing a check to which he had forged the signature of an official of the *Tulsa World*, a local newspaper.

LAWRENCE PETERSON, negro, 16, who on December 13, secured \$100 from a member at St. Louis, Mo., on a check to which he had forged the signature of a depositor, was on

December 14, arrested at St. Louis by our agents and the local police. He had used the alias Leary Green.

CHARLES RANKIN, on December 5, was arrested at Chickasha, Okla., in connection with the holdup and \$11,546 robbery of the First National Bank, Boswell, Okla. He was positively identified.

MRS. E. W. SIMMS, 40, who has victimized a member of Waldo, Fla., in the cashing of a worthless check drawn on the Bank of Glynn County, Brunswick, Ga., was on November 29, arrested at Fort Mead, Fla., by our detective agents after they had put in but one day's time on the case. Mrs. Simms admitted the charge.

IRVING ZINAMAN, Hebrew, who has victimized a member at New York, N. Y., by forgery, was on December 6, arrested in New York City by the local authorities. He had forged his employer's (a cap maker) endorsement to many checks made payable to the company and cashed them.

## REMOVED

### SIX MONTHS FOR HESITATING

Court offers 18 months to man charged with forgery if he plead guilty. Delays his consent and has six months added to sentence.

If LOUIS J. HARRIS, charged with forgery, had accepted when on October 1, the court at San Francisco offered him a sentence of eighteen months if he would plead guilty to the charge, he would have six months less to serve than he now has. Harris hesitated when the offer was made, whereupon the court went into his case in earnest, learned that he had a prison record and on October 8, when he again appeared before him he was convicted and sentenced to two years in the San Quentin Penitentiary. "You said eighteen months last week," Harris endeavored to remind the court. "You hesitated and it cost you an additional six months," was the reply.

### BANK ROBBER JUDGED INSANE

Man who held up and robbed Michigan Bank of \$4,050, is lodged in State Asylum for criminal insane.

In the December 1915 issue of this section, we published an article quoting the facts of the capture of one Frank



FRANK RAINEY

Rainey, robber. We stated that on October 31, he entered the Eau Claire State Bank, Eau Claire, Mich., covered the cashier with loaded pistol and robbed the bank of \$4,050; how he was captured a few moments later and the money and numerous implements of human destruction taken from his person. Following the capture, physicians were called in who examined Rainey and adjudged him insane. He was remanded to the State Asylum for criminal insane. There are some who declare that Rainey has a greater power of deceiving than a weakness of mind. He is 43 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds; has brown hair and eyes. No Bertillon or finger prints available.

## HINTON SUSPECTS RELEASED

Four men arrested in connection with holdup and robbery of Hinton, Okla., bank are turned loose

The four suspects arrested on October 30, by the authorities of Oklahoma City, Okla., in connection with the holdup and \$4,160 robbery of the Citizens State Bank, Hinton, Okla., have been released because of lack of proper evidence. The JOURNAL-SUPPLEMENT of December, 1916, page 89, gives an account of the robbery and arrest. The men are known as follows: W. H. Reed, alias "Mohawk Bill," R. N. Andrees, Horace Grayson, alias "Icicle Slim," and George Mixon.

R. B. ALBAUGH, raised check, November 23, indeterminate term Kansas State Reformatory.

R. N. ANDREES, suspected of holdup and robbery, released; lack of evidence.

F. A. BABCOCK, worthless checks, 1 to 5 years, Maryland State Penitentiary.

WAYDE R. BAGNALL, forged endorsement, case dismissed.

BARNEY BALLEW, holdup, sentenced to a term of 1 to 20 years in the Kansas State Penitentiary.

JACK BERRI, holdup and robbery, November 28, 8 years Missouri State Penitentiary.

JAMES M. BOLAND, bogus check, August, 1916, to serve an indeterminate term at the Massachusetts State Reformatory.

WILLIAM H. CALDER, forged checks, September 15, four years Sing Sing Prison, New York.

ROY M. CAMPBELL, worthless check, two years Missouri State Penitentiary. Immediately paroled.

ROY CAUDLE, raised check, sentenced to the Kansas State Penitentiary for a term of 1 to 10 years.

DANIEL COLEMAN, worthless checks, November 29, 1916, was sentenced to serve 18 months at Folsom (Calif.), Penitentiary. Was remanded to custody of San Francisco Sheriff and will undoubtedly spend this sentence in the county jail.

LUCILE COX, forgery, given a 2 years suspended sentence.

FOSTER DAVIS, forgery, escaped jail at Oyster Bay, N. Y.

H. L. DOWNING, holdup, November 27, 1916, sentenced to the Western (Penn.) Penitentiary, for not less than 2 nor more than 5 years, also to pay a \$1 fine and all costs of prosecution.

TOM FOLEY, forged checks, 1 year parole.

SAM FREY, forged checks, October 17, 1916, 1 year and a day, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

HARRY W. GALBINOWITZ, alleged forgery, prosecution dropped.

HORACE GRAYSON, alias "Icicle Slim," suspected of holdup and robbery, released; lack of evidence.

J. J. HANNAGAN, or Hannagan, forgery, judged insane; Oregon State Insane Hospital.

DANIEL F. HARRIS, forgery, October 20, 1916, sentenced to serve 4 months, in the jail at Blackfoot, Idaho, on a burglary charge.

LOUIS J. HARRIS, forgery, October 7, 1916, sentenced to 2 years at San Quentin (Cal.) Penitentiary.

RAYMOND P. HATCH, forgery, October 21, 1916, sentenced to serve 6 months, Providence (R. I.), county jail.

A. F. HOLDEN, worthless check, September 22, 5 to 7 years, Colorado State Penitentiary.

J. V. HOLMES, forgeries, was on August 14, sentenced to serve 5 years at the Florida State Prison.

CHARLES H. JOHNSON, alleged holdup, released on account of insufficient evidence to convict.

PEARL JOHNSON, alias Mary Winford, forgery, confined to the Industrial School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ALFRED LOWE, forgery, case dropped.

SAMUEL MILLER, forgeries, December 8, sentence suspended.

JAMES A. MILLIGAN, alias James A. Miller, alleged forgery, fugitive from justice.

GEORGE MIXON, suspected of holdup and robbery, released; lack of evidence.

DAVID T. MORRIS, alleged forgery, case dropped.

FRANK MULKEY, holdup, sentenced to a term of 1 to 20 years in the Kansas State Penitentiary.

MARVIN E. OLSON, alias Marvin E. Johnson, forgery, was on December 12, 1916, sentenced to the Reformatory at Pontiac, Ill., for a term of 1 to 10 years.

FRANK RAINEY, holdup and robbery, judged insane; Michigan State Insane Asylum.

W. H. REED, alias "Mohawk Bill," suspected of holdup and robbery, released; lack of evidence.

I. ROSENBERG, forgery, paroled to Oregon State Penitentiary.

MRS. S. D. SANDERS, alleged forgery, case dropped.

JIM SEXTON, forgeries, 10 years Kansas State Penitentiary.

HARRY SKILLMAN, alleged swindle, released, prosecution dropped.

C. J. SMITH, forgery and raised checks, sentenced September, 1916, to serve 30 days in the Akron, Ohio, jail.

R. E. STANFORD, forgery, November 20, 1916, sentenced to 5 years hard labor, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

ESTLINE STINETTE, forgery, broke jail at Galveston, Tex., while being held awaiting trial.

WILL E. WRIGHT, alleged forgery, was on August 31, 1916, released.

## AWAITING ACTION

## ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS

Amato, Bruna, forgery, Richfield Springs, N. Y.  
 Armstrong, Jack, forgery, Ennis, Texas.  
 Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.  
 Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Bloomingdale, William C., forgery, Lemoore, Cal.  
 Bowers, Alcid, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Busby, Joe, mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.  
 Champlevier, Mrs. Jno., forgery, Tunkhannock, Pa.  
 Clark, Josephine, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Clemmens, Mrs. C. L., forgery, Okmulgee, Okla.  
 Collins, George W., forgery, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Cragin, George H., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Davis, Harvie A., bogus check, Portland, Me.  
 Davis, L. S., swindle, Canton, Miss.  
 Dodson, C. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 East, Clarence, forgery, Nardin, Okla.  
 Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Gay, Leland I., forgery, Petersburg, Va.  
 Giddings, L. R., bogus check, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Goffney, Will, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.  
 Goodwin, J. D., forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
 Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
 Grimes, Walter, R., forgery, Brownsville, Tex.  
 Guggenheim, Mannie, worthless check, Pueblo, Colo.  
 Hadley, Albert, forgery, Eugene, Ore.  
 Halstead, Nathaniel Carey, bogus draft, Portland, Me.  
 Hammond, Frank, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Hardy, W. J., swindle, Portland, Ore.  
 Harmon, Frank, forgery, Houston, Texas.  
 Hebert, Raymond, forgery, Coalville, Utah.  
 Hill, John, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Johnson, Abraham, bogus check, McLeansboro, Ill.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Jones, Mary, forgery, Galveston, Tex.  
 Kavanagh, Edw. J., bogus check, Chicago, Ill.  
 Kelly, L. W., forgery, El Paso, Tex.  
 Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Lacovara, Carmine, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Langner, Mollie, swindle, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Lewis, Charley, forgery, Marshall, Mo.  
 Loehrs, Bernard, bogus check, Asbury Park, N. J.  
 McConnell, Ruel T., worthless drafts, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 McQueen, Ed., forgery, Houston, Texas.  
 Markowitz, Elias, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 May, W. J., raised check, Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Miller, A. J., forgery, Lyons, Kan.  
 Miller, George, forgery, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 Morgan, U. H., bogus drafts, Lamont, Okla.  
 Moore, Samuel P., forgery, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Murphy, Edward V., forgery, Washington, D. C.  
 Offner, Marie, forgery, Denver, Colo.  
 Osborne, Clarence, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.

Parish, M. N., forgery, Potwin, Kan.  
 Peterson, Lawrence, forgery, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Pickett, O. B., bogus check, Eureka, Kan.  
 Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.  
 Pritchard, R. E., mortgage swindle, Haskell, Okla.  
 Ragain, Fred, forgery, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Redman, John H., forgery, Tipton, Ind.  
 Rhyme, Amanda, forgery, Floral City, Fla.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Richmond, George, bogus checks, Evanston, Ill.  
 Ritter, Alfred Charles, bogus check, Independence, Mo.  
 Roberts, W. W., swindle, Maysville, Mo.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Samuelson, Harry, forgery, Seattle, Wash.  
 Settle, William, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.  
 Shuter, James, bogus checks, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Simms, Mrs. E. W., worthless check, Waldo, Fla.  
 Skaggs, Charles H., swindle, Friars Point, Miss.  
 Smith, A. B., forgery, Livingston, Cal.  
 Smith, Huntington, forgery, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Socwell, Wm. H., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Stamper, Horace, forgery, Wichita, Kan.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Storey, Luther, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Stout, Samuel, forgery, Parkersburg, W. Va.  
 Tannus, Tom, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 Tate, Earl M., forgery, Granby, Mo.  
 Tiley, E. L., bogus check, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Valcano, William, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Ward, Erret, forged draft, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 Ward, J. M., forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Welch, Clyde W., forgery, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 West, Ralph, forgery, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Wileman, C. T., forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Williams, Albertha, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Williams, Jack, forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Zinaman, Irving, forgery, New York, N. Y.

## BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Alderman, Hugh, hold up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Barton, Earl, hold up and robbery, Rosedale, Kans.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Close, Rea, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Crowley, W. J., hold up and robbery, Rosedale, Kans.  
 Culver, Edward, hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Fumar, Frank, attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 King, Norval S., hold up, Englewood, Colo.  
 McKinney, Calvin, robbery, Crowder, Okla.  
 Payne, W. M., hold up, Vian, Okla.  
 Rankin, Charles, hold up and robbery, Boswell, Okla.  
 Rice, Frank, hold up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Smith, Frank, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Steed, William J., attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Stunkel, George, attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Trowbridge, Bertha, hold up, Jarbalo, Kan.  
 Von Walden, Edward, hold up, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Whittenberg, Ray, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.

## STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 31, 1916.	Arrested since August 31, 1916.	Arrests in December, 1916.	Total.	Convicted.	Discharged or Acquitted.	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers.....	99	81	22	103	77	23	6	94
Burglars.....	..	7	..	7	2	1	..	4
Hold-up Robbers.....	14	15	3	18	11	5	1	15
	113	103	25	128	90	29	7	113

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1. Upon receipt of notification by the General Secretary, Five Nassau Street, New York City or the nearest office or correspondent of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc., of an attempted or successful perpetration of fraud or crime upon a member of this Association in its banking rooms, or in the rooms of such branches as are members, either by forgery, check-raising, worthless or bogus checks, swindle, sneak theft, robbery, hold up or burglary therein, the committee will at once use its best efforts to apprehend the criminal. No action, however, will be taken unless immediate notice is given, and **a case once committed to the association cannot be taken out of its hands nor the offence condoned or compromised.** If for any reason whatsoever no prosecution takes place when the member is in a legal position to aid in the prosecution, and fails to do so, such member shall reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in connection with the case reported.

2. In reporting cases the member agrees to swear out a warrant for the criminal concerned when his identity has been determined: or a John Doe warrant at once in states where permitted. The committee relentlessly pursues both amateur and professional criminals in cases of attempted or successful fraud or crime upon members of the Association but cannot take cognizance of such offenses where perpetrated upon others than members, or of so-called "inside jobs" where the offender is an officer or employee of a member. The committee relies upon the state, county or local authorities to arrange for the extradition and the payment of expense incident to the return of a prisoner. The committee will not pay witness fees, and will not be responsible for any expense incurred for protective work which has not been previously authorized.

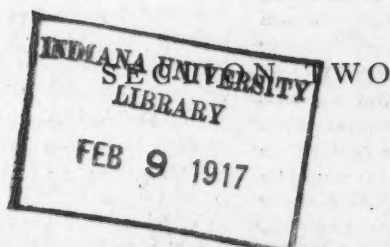




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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## JANUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### OKLAHOMA HOLD-UPS ANNIHILATED

Good results accomplished by the representative of our detective agents and various peace officers of Oklahoma

Each year some particular class of criminal stands out prominently in the records of the Protective Department. This year it is the bandits of Oklahoma. For the past few months the state of Oklahoma has been overrun with a most dangerous and daring group of bandits, who have held up banks and stores, killed citizens and peace officers, and stolen thousands of dollars, until a veritable reign of terror prevailed. One of the far-reaching effects of these depredations is that several of the large insurance companies canceled their burglary and hold-up insurance, and refused to underwrite this class of insurance in Oklahoma.

On October 18, 1916, the robbers, known as the Poe-Hart gang, secured their first victim. On this day they motored into Centralia, Okla., and while three of their number entered the First National Bank, the fourth stationed himself as guard at the entrance. Bank officials, employees and customers were obliged to place themselves in such a position that they were unable to protect the bank and its funds. The robbers loaded themselves with \$6,000, locked all present in the vault, took their auto and were gone.

Ten days later two of the men were captured at Kansas City, Mo. They gave their names as Oscar Poe and Harry Hart. Later they were brought back to Oklahoma and lodged in jail at Vinita. But thanks to a little scheme of their companions, Jesse Littrell, Russell Tucker and Billy Hart, twin brother to the prisoner, they soon obtained their liberty.

On the night of December 4, the police at Vinita were obliged to take into custody a man who was apparently heavily intoxicated and who had persisted in being arrested. The officers consequently marched him off to jail. Arrived there, two strangers appeared on the scene and thrust a gun into the hands of the arrested man (who had suddenly regained his senses) and before the officers and the jailer could understand what had happened they were deprived of their guns and the jailer of his keys. The three men hastened to the cells of Poe and Hart, released

them and a moment later a waiting auto had started off into the hills with the complete party.

On December 8, the First National Bank, Alluwe, Okla., reported a hold-up and robbery. In this case there were five men involved. Three stood guard on the outside while two entered the bank and compelled the cashier to fill a gunny sack with the bank's money. All the money on hand, \$2,084.15, with the exception of just three pennies, was taken by the robbers. The coolness with which the two robbers worked was remarkable. They conversed lightly with each other and without tension and several times addressed the cashier as "old boy."

Three days later the Farmers State Bank, Vinita, Okla., was robbed by the gang. As they had previously done, they entered and left town by auto. At Vinita they made their richest haul, \$15,785. There is a strange theory surrounding this particular case which, if true, goes only to prove the determination and revenge that have breathed in these characters. At the time of the Centralia case, the vice-president of the Farmers State Bank, Vinita, happened to be present in the Centralia bank and was one of those marched into the vault by the robbers when they had prepared to make their getaway. When Poe and Hart were later arrested, the authorities called upon the vice-president of the Vinita bank to identify the prisoners. The official at once stated that they were the two men who had robbed the Centralia bank. Openly the prisoners declared that he would pay dearly for his word against them. The price they fixed then was the robbery of his bank. Luckily, he was not in his own bank at the time that they entered to commit their revenge. On the way out of Vinita, the men stopped long enough to shout to the driver of a farm wagon that had hindered them in their flight that they were "going straight north to hell and any one following will go to hell with us."

About this time there were several stores robbed in nearby towns. A posse caught up with several of the robbers near Oklahoma City. A battle ensued in which the marshal of Delaware, Okla., and a citizen were killed. Several possemen were severely wounded.

For some days following this scrimmage the robbers remained under cover. On Jan. 12 they again came forth and headed for Harrah, Okla. Three of

their number filed into the First National Bank and when they left carried with them \$3,500 of the bank's funds.

Conditions had become so bad up to this point that Manager Gammon and President Burns, of our Detective Agents, planned a vigorous and extensive campaign, with the result that several additional detectives were sent to work under the supervision of J. A. Gustafson, manager of the Tulsa office, a man of experience, and one of the best attaches of our Detective Agents. He worked industriously to effect the capture of the outlaws and soon had the confidence of the interested sheriffs and police officers. Information was developed on the sixteenth that Jess Littrell and Russell Tucker, members of the band, were on a farm near Harrah. At Gustafson's directions a posse immediately left Oklahoma City for Harrah. The robbers were encountered, seriously wounded a deputy sheriff, and made a getaway. For a day and a night the posse followed in their tracks. The two bands clashed at Okemah. In a heated fight Russell Tucker, one of the gang, met his death, but not before he had killed a deputy of Okfuskee County. Littrell also was badly wounded and captured.

As time advanced, Gustafson and his followers continued to draw closer to the remaining members of the gang. On January 18 they had practically webbed a complete net about the robbers. On the early morning of the day following, Gustafson, accompanied by Sheriff Claud F. Roach, Deputy Sheriff W. L. Robbins, Chief of Police Mel Bowman, Officer John Lung, of Okmulgee, Deputy Buck George of Nowata, and one Hiram Stephens of Chelsea, headed for Deep Fork Canyon, twenty miles northwest of Okmulgee, which place they considered the robbers must pass in their attempt to get away from their hiding place, they having ascertained the location.

"We arrived at 2 a. m.," writes Gustafson. "I looked over the ground very carefully and picked out the places for the officers to station themselves. I had taken a spade with me and in the bank we dug out a station for Stephens, Bowman, Robbins and Lung, all crack shots and possessed of high-power guns. Sheriff George and myself made a station next to them in the timber with our shot guns to "catch" any of the bandits that might get past our first station. We waited in our dugouts for the men to appear. Seven hours passed. Then we observed the men coming down the path. Our plans had not failed us. It had been very cold, a light snow having fallen, and we had become numbed. Our man Bowman had left the station to move his limbs for warmth. As he did so it exposed his body to the men who had just appeared at the bend. Harry Hart caught sight of Bowman. He called to his pals, "We have run into a posse," and instantly fired at Bowman. The bullet missed its mark by a foot. This was our signal for action. Our guns flashed and before a moment had passed Billy Hart fell in his tracks and lay motionless. His brother Harry was brought to earth a second later. Oscar Poe was down on his hands and knees crawling for shelter.

"Fearing that the men might be shamming, I cautioned the officers not to move. There was not the slightest confusion in our force. Every man played

his part exactly as it had been rehearsed. Finally we ventured forth. The Hart boys were lifeless. Poe lived only five minutes after we had come upon him.

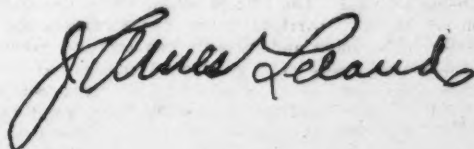
"Not one of our men had been hurt," continued Gustafson. "The outlaws were then loaded in the sheriff's car and we returned to Okmulgee."

Thus one of the most notorious robber bands that had infested Oklahoma had been completely exterminated. It was a highly commendable piece of work and the officers assisting are deserving of the highest praise for their ability and bravery.

### MANUFACTURING CONCERN NAMED

Alleged representative of Ohio concern wins introduction to Wilkes-Barre bank and cashes bogus check

Under date of January 16, a member at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., wrote this department as follows: "We desire to bring to your attention a matter involving what seems to be a bogus check for \$100 issued by a certain gentleman claiming to be a representative of the Proctor & Gamble Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio. This gentleman, who gave the name of James Leland, called at the home of Mr. Richard J. Evan, an advertising distributor of this city, and represented that he was an agent of the Proctor & Gamble Co. He arranged with Mr. Evan for a house to house distribution of 15,000 Crisco samples in this city. He carried with him a number of samples of this article and also samples of Ivory soap which he indicated he would want distributed here later. After ingratiating himself with Mr. Evan, he asked him to accompany him to a bank and identify him in order that he might get his salary and expense check cashed. Mr. Evan apparently allowing the very promising outlook of a large business contract to influence him, allowed himself to do this and came here to our bank and identified the gentleman as Mr. James Leland, and also endorsed the check with him. Mr. Evan is a thoroughly hard-working and honest gentleman, but not possessed of very much means, and our teller, who had heretofore cashed a great many checks for Mr. Evan, accepted his endorsement and cashed the check. It has been returned to us, protested, and we now have it in our possession and learn that it is undoubtedly a bogus check. It is made out on the Columbia Trust Company of New Jersey, Hoboken, N. J., and the check used is one of their checks printed up with pantograph protection bearing the imprint of a die of the company. The body of the check is made out with a typewriter and the name of the company on the signature line is also put in with the typewriter and signed "per Henry S. Lathan." In addition to this there is also on the end of the check the typewritten words, "The Proctor & Gamble Co." accompa-



nied by the same signature "Henry S. Lathan." We enclose herewith a description of "Mr. Leland" written out by Mr. Evan from memory. The following description was given: 49 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds, has dark small eyes with a slight cast, wore glasses, face freckled.

## WARNING

A member at Defiance, Ohio, has just wired us that they have had four bogus checks presented to them drawn on the Second National Bank, Defiance, Ohio, purporting to be certified, and voucher checks. The bank's address is printed in red ink and all are dated January 12, and purport to be issued by the Webb & Lantzy Mfg. Co., Inc. There is no such bank or firm in Defiance. These checks were drawn for \$63, \$64, \$62 and \$54, and were cashed at Carlisle, Mechanicsburg, York and Tyrone, Pa. Members in Pennsylvania should be on the lookout for similar checks.

J. W. ALBERTOLI, 19, is wanted at Stuarts Draft, Va., by a local member on a charge of defrauding by worthless check drawn on the First National Bank, Roanoke, Va. A warrant is held by the Stuarts Draft police. Albertoli is 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build; has dark hair and eyes. Is a civil engineer.

*J. W. Albertoli*

OSCAR BARTHEL, 23, is believed to be the individual who recently presented at a Los Angeles, Cal., member bank a savings withdrawal receipt bearing the forged signature of the depositor and receiving the sum of money called for. The depositor in question relates that he rescued Barthel from the streets by allowing him to share his room. The former stayed with the depositor for several days, then left without notice or word of appreciation. Shortly thereafter the depositor sought his bank book. It could not be found. When he proceeded to the bank they exhibited to him the withdrawal receipt which he branded as a forgery. The depositor's description of Barthel answers in every detail to the description given by the bank of the one who presented the withdrawal receipt. Barthel, it was learned, is also wanted by the city probation officer. He is 5 feet 9½ inches, 145 pounds, of medium slender build. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in financing an investigation of this case.

DAVID G. BEECHING. A cashier's check made payable to David G. Beeching on the Louisiana National Bank, Baton Rouge, La., was cashed at Los Angeles, Cal., recently. The original cashier's check of the Louisiana National in no way conforms to the check passed at Los Angeles. Further data is not on hand at this writing.

N. D. BOWEN. A member at Sistersville, W. Va., on January 19 wrote this department:

"Bankers in Eastern Ohio and West Virginia should be advised against accepting checks signed by N. D. Bowen or Dr. Bowen, usually by 'His Mark.' The checks are drawn in small amounts of from \$3 to \$10 and most frequently on some bank in Sistersville, W. Va. Bowen is a patent medicine vender, but claims to be a physician. He is very untidy in appearance and about 65 years old, weighs over 250. He is illiterate and usually under the influence of liquor."

H. E. BOZE, potato buyer, who has resided for many years past in Yakima Valley, Wash., and whose transactions and checks have always been regular, during early January, defrauded a member at Sunny-side, Wash. He succeeded in securing cash on a \$200 check drawn against the Yakima Valley Bank, which the latter returned marked, "Insufficient funds." A warrant is held for his arrest on this charge.

R. W. BROWN recently left two checks at a Richmond, Va., member for collection, drawn on State Bank of Charlotte County, Keysville, and Commercial Bank, Danville, Va. He obtained a check book and proceeded to draw checks on Richmond. His checks for collection were returned as forgeries. Is known also as William Smith, W. Howard Jones.

*R. W. Brown*  
*R. W. Brown*

R. M. COLEMAN recently left for collection at a member bank of Minneapolis, Minn., a check of \$1,000 on the Citizens State Bank, Joplin, Mo. He did not at the time request any advance on the check nor has he returned to the bank in regard to it. Joplin pronounced the check as worthless, declaring that during last summer he carried a small account there under the name R. M. Coleman & Co. He was interested in a Joplin mine. Is 42 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 175 pounds, of dark complexion, smooth shaven.

*R. M. Coleman*

HARRY W. CRANE, JR. Member banks in New York City are notified not to employ Harry W. Crane, Jr. He is of ill character, has conducted several bogus check operations, and will injure a bank in any way he can. Recently a local bank advertised for a boy. Crane answered, using the name of Daniel Cooney, a youth he knows who is now employed in a New York bank. Crane, of course, gave Cooney's place of employment as reference. The bank employed Crane until such time as they might investigate his reference, but he left during the course of a day's business.

His father declares that he has been away from home two years. Young Crane is 20 years, 5 feet 7

inches, 150 pounds; has rosy cheeks; glasses. Specimen of his writing is inserted.

*Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Trust Bank*

CHARLES EATON, typical Scotchman, in November, 1916, appeared at the ranch of John McCoy near Riverside, Cal., and applied for work, stating that he was an experienced ranch hand. Eaton was traveling "light," having all his belongings in a canvas roll which he slung across his shoulder. Mr. McCoy put him to work. He proved to be an efficient workman, had little to say, and gave no information concerning his past except that he said that he had worked on a chicken ranch at or near San Diego, and that he was in San Francisco during the fire, in which he lost his family. At the end of the month a check for wages was given Eaton which he cashed at a bank in Riverside. About a month later Eaton again appeared at the bank with a check for \$90, purporting to be signed by Mr. McCoy. The teller remembering that Eaton had previously cashed a check at the bank, handed out the \$90. Mr. McCoy brands this check a forgery. A warrant for the arrest of Eaton is in the hands of Sheriff F. P. Wilson, of Riverside. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this association in this investigation. Eaton is 50 to 55 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds. Has the Scotch accent.

R. J. FLINT has victimized a member at Jacksonville, Fla., in the cashing of a bogus check on the Commercial Savings Bank, Toledo, Ohio, to which he forged the endorsement of the local manager of the Willys-Overland Auto Co. Flint had worked for the company as stenographer at their Toledo, Ohio, office. He is 18 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds; said to be good looking.

NAPOLEON GARCIA, Mexican, who has recently been employed as a laborer in a construction camp near Barbarton, Ohio, is alleged to have forged a fellow workman's signature to a check which he passed at the Bank of Barbarton. He is 24 years.

HORACE A. HAAS has put to loss a member at Minneapolis, Minn., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature.

WILLIAM HARTSOCK, alias Harry Hoover, alias H. I. Williams, is wanted at Verona, Pa., by a local member. Hartsock forged a depositor's signature to a check which he negotiated at Verona and which passed undetected through the bank. Warrant is held at Verona. Hartsock has a record at Tyrone, Pa., as forger. He is 18 years, 5 feet, 130 pounds, of slender build, light complexion; has large ears.

CARL JOHNSTON, alias Amil Smith, has defrauded a member at Chewelah, Wash., in the cashing of checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 23 to 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 to 170 pounds.

ANDREW S. JACQUES, alias McDonald, is wanted by a member at Albany, Ga., on a warrant charging forgery. He is wanted also on a charge of white slavery. Is 41 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150



ANDREW S. JACQUES

pounds; has blue gray eyes, fair complexion, light hair; wears Elk's pin. An article was published in the JOURNAL supplement of December, 1914, page 398, in connection with his swindling operations. He claims to be a mining promoter, and the holder of considerable property in Mexico. Investigate any new depositor of this nature as it may be this operator.

EUGENE KELLEHER, son of a San Francisco tailor, is sought by our agents for the fleecing of a Los Angeles member. Young Kelleher forged a depositor's signature to a check, cashed it through a local individual, and when it was presented at the bank it was not detected as a forgery and paid. The father declares that his son was recently arrested at Fresno, Cal., for bogus check passing, but he came to his aid by settling with the victims and obtaining the boy's release. He brands his son as a lover of the "gay life." The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this association in financing an investigation. Kelleher is 25 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds, has dark complexion, hair and eyes.

ALMER KETZ, shoe polisher, is alleged to have put to loss a member at Minneapolis, Minn., by forgery and misrepresentation. It is stated that he presented a depositor's pass book at the bank, represented himself as the depositor, then forged the latter's signature to a withdrawal slip. He secured the full amount of funds on deposit. Is 20 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 132 pounds, has dark eyes, light brown hair.

ROY LANG, who purports to sell stock for the Gunn Road Machine Co., is wanted by a member at Omaha, Neb. They charge Lang with defrauding them by cashing a forged check. Warrant is held and the Nebraska Bankers Association offers a reward of \$10 for his apprehension. Claims to have worked for the International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa., eleven years ago; claims also to have been a nurse for our government during the Philippine trouble. Is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; has dark hair; olive complexion.

E. D. LARSEN, alias D. L. Allen, alias D. L.



Jensen, has defrauded a member at Bountiful, Utah, in the passing of a bogus check. Larsen is 26 to 30 years, 5 feet 9 inches; 164 pounds, good dresser; jovial nature; apparently well educated.

C. T. McEACHEN, lumber man who recently started business at Groveland, Fla., has victimized a local member by checking against worthless checks deposited. He hails from Georgia.

PETER MILONESCHI, Italian, who, while rooming with a depositor of a member bank at Mason City, Ia., secured the latter's check book, forged his signature and succeeded in drawing \$100 against the account, is now sought. He is 21 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, has a scar on right forearm.

PAUL PALANO is alleged to have put to loss a member at Barberton, Ohio, in the cashing of a forged withdrawal order. Our agents and the Post Office authorities are endeavoring to locate and arrest this man. Is 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of slim build, has dark complexion and hair; lean face.

J. A. PARKS, of Resaca, Ga., who has picked cotton for a depositor of a member at Marked Tree, Ark., is alleged to have forged the signature of his employer to a check on which he secured the cash from the member in question. Parks is 28 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds, of medium build; has high cheek bones.

J. M. QUINN, a member at Clinton, Okla., reports that J. M. Quinn, cotton dealer, has victimized banks at Clinton, Sayre and Frick, Okla., by means of worthless drafts for \$5, drawn on the Newberger Cotton Co., of New Orleans, La., who repudiate his connection and say he is unknown to them. He is about middle-aged, and has a dark complexion.

THOMAS REED, JR., has victimized a member at Coraopolis, Pa., by cashing a bogus check on the First National, Canonsburg, Pa. Latter declares young Reed has passed other similar checks. He is 22 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build.

RAYMOND B. SHEPARD, 24, is alleged to have victimized a member at Kansas City, Mo., negotiating a check to which he had forged a depositor's (his roommate's) signature. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds; wears glasses; has pimples on face.

R. G. SUNDBERG, with checks on the Marvel State Bank, Marvel, N. D., has fleeced several merchants at Salt Lake City, Utah. This bank is non-existent. His left eye is glass; is 35 years, 6 feet, 145 pounds.

FRANK H. SUTHERLAND, known also as Herb Sutherland, is wanted by a member at Hudson, N. Y., on a charge of swindling. Sutherland is a hay salesman. Is 55 to 60 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 230 pounds; of portly build; has dark blonde hair mixed with gray, a small mustache. There is a bench warrant held for his arrest charging him with larceny, first degree.

HENRY TAYLOR, 45, who is crippled in the left leg, has passed at San Antonio, Tex., a check to which he forged the signature of a depositor of a member at Del Rio, Tex. The forgery was so perfect that it was not detected by the Del Rio bank which paid upon it, and is therefore victim.

JOHN H. THOMAS. A member at Port Arthur, Tex., on January 8 wrote us in part: "One John H. Thomas (colored) has defrauded this bank out of about \$300 on forged drafts drawn on the American Life & Accident Insurance Co., of Kansas City, Mo. Has been acting as agent for this company for several years, during which time he has drawn similar drafts for sick and death benefits, clearing them through this bank. We are advised by the insurance company's attorney that this lot of drafts were forgeries. He has three children. He is educated and speaks with English accent. Is also a preacher. He is 50 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds.



M. TZVKEVITCH

M. TZVKEVITCH. On December 11, one Mike Korshak and his roommate entered a member bank at Lawrence, Mass. Korshak opened an account of \$50, receiving bank book and checks. On January 9, Korshak's roommate, M. Tzvikevitch, Russian Pole, approached the teller, represented himself as Korshak, exhibited the latter's book, and because his face was familiar to the teller he was permitted to draw the \$50. Our agents are now searching for Tzvikevitch on this forgery charge. He is 21 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, of stocky build.

*Lawrence  
Mass.*

J. R. VAN HORN has fleeced a member at Ipswich, S. D., by worthless check. He represented himself as traveling for a savings coupon concern. Is of medium height, 160 pounds; has full face and pleasant manner.

ARTHUR VAUGHN is alleged to have forged the signature of a depositor of a member bank at Benton Harbor, Mich., to two checks which he passed at Benton Harbor, on one of which the local member suffered a loss. Vaughn is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds; has a broken nose, it being bent and of high bridge. He comes from Salamanca, N. Y.

H. R. WILLIAMS, who represents himself as a mining engineer and an efficiency expert, has victimized a member at New Orleans, La., by drawing against bogus checks deposited, the latter on the paper of the Coal & Iron Bank, New York, N. Y., and the



Canal Zone Bank of Colon, Panama. He is nothing more than a former New Orleans department store clerk. Is 40 to 45 years, 6 feet 2 inches, 220 pounds, of good build; smooth shaven.

### AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Operator of checks drawn on fictitious bank continues to victimize merchants in east

"He speaks intelligently of insurance, is a fluent talker, and branches off in his conversation to scriptures." That is what a merchant at Fleetwood, Pa., says of J. B. Hall, alias C. A. Carter. The swindler, representing himself as an agent of the American Life Insurance Co., defrauded this merchant by passing upon him another of his bogus checks drawn on "The City Bank of New York," fictitious bank. As stated in our December, 1916, issue, page 86, The American Life Insurance Company is non-existent.

### PASSED FORGED CERTIFIED CHECKS

New York is flooded with forged checks of man recently released from Pennsylvania prison

Merchants and restaurants throughout the city of New York and vicinity are the contemplated victims



C. C. MOLLIN

of a persistent check worker. In 1912 C. C. Mollin, alias C. Moore, alias C. Miller, was incarcerated in the Eastern (Pa.) Penitentiary, following an extensive check swindling tour. The lesson meant to be taught by imprisonment evidently failed to impress Mollin in the slightest degree, for he was no sooner released than he resumed his illegal transactions. Within a month's time he has fleeced more than three dozen merchants or restaurants in New York City and vicinity. Mollin must have a trunk full of checks. The reason that they impress his victims to such an ex-



tent is, that they are "certified." Mollin's own certification stamp is at work. He has favored the aliases, F. White, F. Young, F. Williams. His checks are signed, G. Williams & Son, A. Spear & Co., Lackawanna Lumber Co., etc. He is 32 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 160 pounds; of medium build.

### GENERAL

WALTER S. BICKLEY. Bogus checks on the Delaware County Trust Co., Chester, Pa., have been recently passed upon jewelers at Philadelphia by Walter S. Bickley, aliases: Robert Robinson, Harry G. Innis, S. R. Bell, William Thompson, Thomas Phillips. He is 24 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds; slender.

T. J. BROWN is alleged to have mortgaged, more than a year ago, to a bank at Salem, S. D., cattle and horses. When the bank recently gave the papers over to officers to get the stock, they learned that T. J. Brown had sold all and left the neighborhood. His whereabouts are undiscovered.

J. W. CAVANAH. From San Antonio and Houston, Tex., have come to the Second National Bank, Boston, Mass., bogus checks on their bank which bear the forged signature of their cashier. They are made out in amount of \$85. The operator has used also the name W. E. Beasley.

ADDISON L. CLARK, of Gilboa, N. Y., was on December 21 arrested at Hartford, Conn. He had attempted to buy an automobile from a local agency and tendered a worthless check for \$1,200, drawn on the Bank of Italy, Los Angeles, Cal. His baggage contained books on more than twenty-five banks, showing deposits (which he himself had inserted) of \$2 to \$1,500. This man is wanted also by the postal authorities for using the mails to defraud.



FRANK CLARK

FRANK CLARK, a railroad bridge carpenter, who has posed as a millionaire, was taken into custody on December 16, at Fresno, Cal., by local authorities. Clark was quartered in Fresno's best hotel, yet his pockets when searched at headquarters, were penniless. He was arrested following advice from two local banks that he had deposited with them for collection alleged bogus checks, amounting to \$280,000, on the State Bank of Oklahoma, Cushing, Okla., which bore the imprint of a forged certification

stamp. He requested the banks to make the collections and transfer them to open accounts, it is said. Clark told of having sold oil lands in Oklahoma for which he received \$250,000. He "purchased" a ranch at Fresno with check of \$25,000, and made numerous other investments. His baggage, the police declared, contained the rubber certification stamp and checks on a bank of Las Vegas, and an Arkansas bank. He gave his age as 56, but appears no more than 47. The Fresno police feel confident that Clark is wanted elsewhere. He is 5 feet 8¼ inches, 165 pounds; has dark brown hair, medium ruddy complexion. His left index finger is crooked and stiffened. Finger prints: ½ R/R 00/00 = 19.



J. L. DILLON

J. L. DILLON, alias E. M. Olds, a machinist who hails from St. Louis, Mo., where he has a wife and family, on December 16, was apprehended by the authorities at Dallas, Tex. They declare that Dillon had defrauded many local restaurants with forged checks of the International Harvester Co., of Kansas City, on the Southwest National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo. He declares that at no time did he operate against a bank. He passed a check also at Ada, Okla. Because it is believed that this man has more "behind him" than he is willing to give up we are inserting his photograph. Probably our readers can enlighten

*F. M. Nash*

us as to any record he might have. Is 49 years, 5 feet 8 1-4 inches, 145 pounds, of medium slim build; has medium blonde hair, light blue eyes. Bertillon: 73.3, 71.0, 95.3, 19.7, 15.7, 13.8, 7.4, 26.4, 11.8, 8.8, 46.2. Second toe, right foot, amputated at second joint.

HOWARD E. DORLAND, on December 30, was led to police headquarters at San Francisco, by our agents and a local detective. Dorland had fleeced many local hotels in the passing of worthless checks. His father, however, came to his aid and settled all depredations of his son at San Francisco. The latter will be returned to a state hospital of Los Angeles, where he was being confined.

RALPH EDWARDS. Bogus certified checks on the Liberty National Bank, New York, N. Y., have been cashed throughout New York City by a fellow 25 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds. He walks with a limp. Among others the operator has used the name Ralph Edwards.

J. C. ELLIOTT. Bogus checks on the Wayne Title

& Trust Co., Wayne, Pa., have been passed at Washington, D. C., by J. C. Elliott, alias Herbert L. Turner, alias Ralph E. Templeton. He is evidently a book salesman.

J. H. HAYES recently registered at a hotel of Alton, Ill., and represented himself to all he met as a contractor building the new tannery below Alton. He called upon many local saloon keepers on a Saturday afternoon after banking hours, displayed blue prints and plans, and had them cash his checks on the Citizens' National of Alton, which checks, he declared were to cover his payroll. Checks were signed "Black Construction Co." He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds.

W. N. HEATH, JR., checks on the Kingsport Extract Co., Kingsport, Tenn., payable to W. N. Heath, Jr., upon which there appears the notation, "Final settlement of salary upon resignation to assume military duties," have been cashed at Chattanooga, Tenn. They are branded by the extract company as forgeries, it being declared neither of the parties named is known. Heath wore a soldier's uniform and declared to his victims that he was connected with the United States Aviation Corps. He is 25 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 150 pounds.

S. A. HENRY, alias "Happy," has passed at Grangeville, Idaho, a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a member at White Bird, Idaho. A merchant was victimized. He is 35 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds.

JACK HOLT has passed a check at Minneapolis, Minn., to which the signature of a depositor of a local bank was forged. A saloon keeper of Minneapolis was victimized.

JAMES LA PLAINE is reported by a member bank at Clarinda, Ia. He claims to be a soldier and to have been in Clarinda on military duty. While there he passed several worthless checks.

P. J. McCauley. The Mississippi Bankers Association has notified our agents of one P. J. McCauley who is signing checks in favor of G. A. Smalley, drawn on the City Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans. The checks are being circularized in vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss.

ROBERT J. MacNALL, draughtsman, has defrauded a concern of St. Louis, Mo., by cashing a check to which he forged the name of his employer. MacNall is English, 32 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds; wears glasses.

W. F. MAGILL, 50, is drawing bogus checks against the American Trust Co., Boston, Mass. One was recently passed at Toledo, Ohio. He is 6 feet, 200 pounds, has a very prosperous appearance.

BEN MICHAELS. Checks, purporting to be issued by the Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa., have been cashed at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, also Erie, Pa. They are made payable to Ben Michaels and without exception in amount of \$50. Michaels present himself to the hotels as a traveling salesman of this house, displays cards, etc., and declares that the check is to cover his traveling expenses. He is a Hebrew, 30 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds; has prominent nose.

M. MICHAELSON, who has drawn worthless checks against the Broadway National, Chelsea, Mass.,

cashing them at Boston and vicinity, was on December 13 arrested at Pittsburgh, Pa., by the local authorities on information furnished by our agents. He was, however, later released inasmuch as his victims accepted restitution.

A. W. NAGEL has cashed bogus checks at Dallas, Tex., and San Francisco, Cal., drawn on the German-American Trust Co., Hannibal, Mo.

GEORGE R. NEWMAN, JR., is drawing bogus certified checks on the Manufacturers' Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., and cashing them throughout New York, N. Y., at cigar stores and saloons. They bear a forged certification of this bank. It is a crude piece of work. He is 30 years, 6 feet, 170 pounds.

HARRY PASHA is drawing bogus checks on the Market Street National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. Also used name Harry Farath. Philadelphia merchants have suffered.

GEORGE E. PRIEST is drawing checks against the Portland National Bank, Portland, Me., in which institution he carries no account. He is 40 to 50 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 155 pounds.

D. E. RADFORD. Bogus checks on the Bank of Athens, Ohio, have been negotiated at Portsmouth and Waverly, Ohio, by an operator using the names D. E. Radford, Wm. J. Birch Jr.; J. F. Carr, Sam Resler.

ROBERT ROBINSON. Bogus checks on the Delaware County Trust Co., Chester, Pa., have been recently passed throughout Philadelphia, Pa., by one Robert Robinson. Jewelers were selected as victims. Robinson is 24 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds.

GEORGE ROGERS. Under date of December 28, a member at Dover, Mo., wrote a member at Vincennes, Ind., as follows: (We quote from our copy in part), "About three weeks ago a party passed through here with two cars, a Ford bearing Indiana license 93,197, and a 1916 Paige, with license 4945, and said he had bought the Paige second hand in Kansas City. He gave the name of George Rogers, and passed two checks here, both on the First National Bank, Brazil, Ind. These checks came back unpaid, and after writing to Brazil, I find that no such party is known there and First National has no such name on their books. Upon trying to trace the license numbers, it seems that he must have changed tags, for the car bought in Kansas City 4945 was a Ford. If you can render us any assistance in locating this party for our customers we will appreciate it very much. If the party can be arrested and returned here he will be well looked after. (Note at foot.) One of our customers wants to prosecute him if he can catch him. Party stated in the presence of witnesses that he had the money in the First National Bank, Brazil, Ind."

R. G. SMITH, alias Fred Samuelson, has put to loss three merchants at Minneapolis, Minn., by passing bogus checks drawn on the First & Security National local bank. Police declare that the operator's true name is Alfred Anderson, and that he has a record as a check worker. He is 27 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 130 pounds.

GEORGE TE LINDE has drawn bogus checks at Philadelphia, Pa., against the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, and the Franklin Trust Co., Philadelphia

He was introduced as being of the U. S. S. "Alabama."

A. G. THIEL, 28, is drawing worthless checks on the Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, Cal. He is 6 feet, 190 pounds.

H. A. VALENTINE, alias Frank A. Penn., has been arrested at Eureka, Cal., for the passing of bogus checks. He is 18 years, 5 feet 9½ inches.

J. H. WINTER, who has conducted a hardware store in New York City, recently, it is alleged, passed two bogus checks drawn against the United States Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Local business men were victimized.

## ARRESTED

### JAIL FOUR BANK ROBBERS

Arrests made by Seattle police serve to clean up cases of one attempted and two successful bank robberies

On October 28, 1916, the Citizens Bank of Renton, Renton, Wash., was held up by two men and robbed of \$1,416. On March 29, 1916, two men attempted to rob the King County State Bank, Seattle, Wash. They were frightened off by the assistant cashier who sounded an alarm immediately upon the entrance to the bank of the men. On December 6, 1916, The Bothell State Bank, Bothell, Wash., was robbed of \$2,809, by four holdup men. In each of these cases the robbers used hired automobiles in driving them to and from the bank, commanding the chauffeurs to do as they ordered under threat of death. Our detective agents and the police of Washington worked industriously on these cases to capture the perpetrators, but it was not until December 21, that the desired results were brought about. On the day in question, a member of the Seattle police force obtained a valuable "tip" as to the identity of the men guilty of the Bothell job. It led to the arrest by the Seattle police of A. J. Rounds, Oscar Lowe, Walter McDonald and F. J. Dusky. The first named man with F. J. Dusky did the Renton job, according to reports; Rounds and Lowe made the unsuccessful attempt at Seattle. Rounds, Lowe and McDonald joined hands in the Bothell case.

On January 6 the three first mentioned were tried. They pleaded guilty to the robbery of the Bothell bank. Upon the state's recommendation, the court sentenced each to the minimum, 5 to 15 years in the state penitentiary.

### INDICTED AS CASHIER'S MURDERER

Man Arrested at Alexandria, La., is identified by citizens of Point, Texas.

On December 13, at Alexandria, La., one J. W. Bergens was arrested by the local authorities. The police believe that in Bergen they have the man who on the night of December 7, entered the First State Bank, Point, Tex., robbed it of \$248, and then murdered the cashier. Bergens was returned to Point and has been identified by several citizens who declare they saw the





MONEY PETER

murderer before or after the crime was committed. In company of Bergens at the time of the arrest was one "Herman," alias "Money Peter." He succeeded in offsetting his own arrest. He is 21 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds. Bergens has been indicted by the Grand Jury. Charley Carter, who had been taken as a suspect, has been released.

### AGENTS CAPTURE BRUSH ROBBERS

Two men who stole \$3,340 from Brush, Colo., bank are traced to Kansas City and arrested. Both confess to crime.

At 9 a. m. on December 18, two men entered the Stockman's National Bank, Brush, Colo. They immediately drew revolvers and commanded those present, three bank men and a customer, to lie on the floor. The order complied with, one man proceeded to cover those on the floor with his revolver, while the other ransacked the bank. A few moments later the robbers had left the bank richer by \$3,340. Our agents were notified and put the case under immediate investigation. They worked steadily on the matter, drawing nearer to their prey as time elapsed until on January 9, they closed their net at Kansas City, Mo., upon one Eli Mace and one Marion A. Cooley. Local detectives assisted in the arrest. After a thorough grill-



M. A. COOLEY



ELI MACE

ing the two men confessed to the robbery. They related how they had evenly divided the booty and fled from Brush; \$1,835 was found in their possession, consisting of numerous bills which were entirely new and bore the name of the Brush bank. Mace declared that he would turn over to the bank \$1,000 of the money, which is buried near his home in a little town of Colorado. The prisoners will be returned to Colorado for prosecution. The results secured in this case were obtained after an extremely complicated and extensive investigation by our agents. Mace is 27 years, 5 feet 8 3/4 inches, 166 pounds, of slender build; has dark blonde hair, sandy complexion, green and gray eyes. He gave his occupation as farmer and his birthplace as Ottawa, Ia. Bertillon measurements: 73.8, 84.0, 90.7, 19.7, 15.0, 13.9, 6.8, 27.2, 12.7, 9.7, 49.6. Cooley, alias "Trick," is 20 years, 5 feet 10 1/4 inches, 149 pounds, has dark chestnut hair, brown gray eyes. Gave his birthplace as Marion county, Ia., and his occupation as farmer. Bertillon measurements: 80.0, 91.0, 95.5, 19.2, 15.6, 14.2, 6.5, 27.2, 12.8, 9.8, 50.3.

### "STUDENT SWINDLER" SUFFERS

Youth who conducted extensive swindling crusade against banks of college town is paroled but re-arrested

JOHN KENNETH CARNES, whom we have christened the "Student Swindler," because of his operating in college towns in the guise of a student, is paying an unpleasant penalty for his misdeeds. Readers will recall that this youth, following his arrest on October



JOHN K. CARNES



24, confessed to our agents to having "pulled the wool over the eyes" of twenty or more banks in the passing of bogus checks. His game was to open a bank account in a college town and state that he was a student. In some instances he displayed a pin of the Sigma Nu fraternity. The check he deposited was mailed to him by his father, he would explain, to cover his school expenses. He was pleasant and clean cut. A bank could not help but "like" him. They handed him out their book of checks. Before leaving, however, he succeeded in securing from each a sum of money to cover his "immediate needs." Then the merchants demanded his attention. They accepted his checks on the local bank without question. Of course "father's" check was bogus. Finally Carnes was arrested at Evanston, Ill. An important apprehension by a wide awake bank, notwithstanding his numerous offenses, Carnes secured parole of one year when at Chicago, Ill., on December 23, he was tried. But he was no sooner given this liberty than the police of Iowa City, Ia., where he had defrauded a member, placed hands upon him and carried him off to their town. He now awaits trial on the local charge. He admits that he has no defense and will plead guilty. On page 75 of the November, 1916, JOURNAL supplement there appears an article on this fellow. He is known also as George Richmond, Byron N. Moon, J. C. Kavanaugh, etc.

### THIRD MAIZE SUSPECT CAUGHT

In our December issue, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, page 90, we tell of the arrest of Ray Whittenberg and Rea Close, upon whom strong suspicion had fallen following the hold-up and \$2,013.25 robbery on November 1, of the Maize State Bank, Maize, Kan. Our agents did not halt at this time in their investigations, but continued till they had produced sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of one Andy Carruthers, alias Andy Cook, as being the third man implicated in this case. On January 11 the authorities of Wichita, Kan., arrested Carruthers at Liberal, Kan. Whittenberg and Close came up for trial on January 26.

### CHECK KITER APPREHENDED

Italian who worked Southern banks by complicated check scheme falls in arrest at Oklahoma City

In past issues we have related of the Italian check kiter, M. A. Carroll, alias John Bordon, who operated as a contractor. We told how he had victimized banks in the South by opening cash accounts, in two or more

*John Bordon*

*M. A. Carroll*

banks, by passing checks from one bank to another, which of course, were paid in each instance, thereby acquiring his intended victim's confidence, then presenting to the banks bogus checks in large amounts on out-of-town institutions. Following his depredations in the South, Carroll evidently proceeded to Omaha, Neb., where he "caught" three of the large banks. He then appeared at Oklahoma City, Okla., and under the name W. W. Lucas prepared to commit a like rampage. It seems, however, that the banks approached were on their guard, and on December 15, he was taken into custody.

### BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED

Two men who robbed Nebraska member of \$6,500 are bagged after hot chase

An intelligent use of the telephone is responsible for the capture of Thomas Colcord and Albert Louis Assman, men who on December 8, robbed the Winslow State Bank, Winslow, Neb., of \$6,500. Sheriff W. C. Condit, of Fremont, Neb., is the one who called the 'phone into play. He declares that on December 8, about 1:15 p. m., Colcord and Assman entered the Winslow State Bank, covered the cashier with loaded



ALBERT L. ASSMAN



M. A. CARROLL



THOMAS COLCORD

guns and gathered in \$6,500. They then took to "their car" and sped away. Sheriff Condit immediately learned of the deed and lost not a moment's time in the endeavor to draw a net about the fleeing robbers by telephoning every town along the road they had taken. He then set out for the bank in his own auto accompanied by three of his officers. The chase commenced with the robbers enjoying an hour and a half handicap. After a hundred miles or more had been covered by the officers, they learned that Colcord and Assman had been taken into custody just fifteen miles ahead. The use of the telephone was responsible for the capture. Sheriff Condit reported \$4,250 taken from the robbers. Colcord has served time in the Nebraska State Penitentiary as a safe blower. He was paroled May 1, 1914, and violated. He was arrested at Des Moines, Ia., some time ago for highway robbery, and was given a life sentence. However, the Supreme Court granted a new trial. Shortly after being released on bond, pending a new trial, the complaining witness died, it is said, which of course brought the case to a standstill. Assman has conducted a drug store at Omaha. He is said to have been implicated in auto stealing at Minneapolis, Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Joseph. Has been arrested at Sioux City, Ia., so charged, and was out on bond at time of this bank robbery. We are indebted to Sheriff Condit for this information.

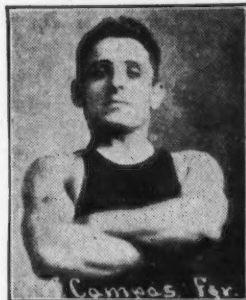
Colcord is 39 years, 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, 165 pounds, of slim build; has dark brown eyes, steel gray hair. Is a horse trader. Bertillon: 80.0, 81.0+, 96.9, 19.0, 14.6, 14.3, 7.2, 28.1, 12.2+, 9.6, 48.8+. Finger prints: 31/28 00/11 = 19.

Assman, alias Louis Franklin, is 25 years, 5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, 150 pounds, of medium build, light chestnut hair, blue-gray eyes. Bertillon: 76.6, 76.0, 93.2, 19.5+, 15.3, 13.4, 6.0, 25.9, 11.5, 8.7, 47.1. Finger Prints: 9/17 T/R = 22.

MORRIS BACHRACK, German Hebrew, who has used also the name F. Davis, was on December 25, arrested at New York, N. Y., by our agents and local authorities on complaint of a member at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The latter declared Bachrack, as a local agent of the Pelican Mutual Life Insurance Company, had defrauded them by cashing several checks made payable to policy holders to which he forged the latter's endorsements. Is 47 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build; has small mixed gray mustache.

F. A. BRAUN, alias S. P. Bliss, alias F. A. Brown, on December 21, was arrested at Houston, Tex., on complaint of a local bank that he had forged the signature of his employer to a check which the bank passed upon. He will be prosecuted at Houston. During April, 1914, this man victimized a member at Carlo, Ill., in a similar manner. He was but recently released from the Texas penitentiary.

FRANK BURNELL, alias Gage Burnell, who has been reported by a member at Junction City, Kan., as having sold property on which they held a mortgage, was on January 11 arrested at North Randall, Ohio, by our agents and local authorities. He admitted the charge and declared he was anxious to "get his medicine."



PETER K. CAMPAS

PETER K. CAMPAS, Greek, who has secured funds from a member at East Pittsburgh, Pa., on a check to which he forged the signature of a depositor, was on December 20, arrested at Pittsburgh, Pa., by our agents and the local authorities. He is 28 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 150 pounds.

FRANK CHISHOLM, on December 26, was arrested at New York, N. Y., by employees of a local member bank and several local policemen. On December 23, an individual who gave his name as Frank Downs, secured \$300 on a check from the bank in question. This amount overdraw the depositor's account, the latter was notified and pronounced the check a forgery. On December 26, the alleged Frank Downs again appeared in the bank with another \$300 check on this same depositor, which was also a forgery. When the teller moved toward the door of his cage, Downs dashed from the bank. A number of bank employees took up the chase and finally several policemen. They captured an individual who gave his name as Frank Chisholm, bartender at Perry street, New York, N. Y. He assumed the air of injured innocence. The bank employees positively identified Chisholm as Frank Downs. He has been released under bond pending trial. Is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, of sallow complexion; has light brown hair.

R. V. COHENOUR, has been arrested at Prince, W. Va., by our agents. It is alleged that this man raised a \$3 check to \$53 and cashed it at an Alaerson, W. Va., member bank. He is 20 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build.

C. W. DABNEY, known also as E. F. Hunter, 26, who has victimized a member at Kansas City, Mo., by forging of check, was on December 1, arrested at Denver, Col., by the police on a local check charge.

J. H. DESMOND, alias H. B. Denton, has landed in the Clay County, Tex., jail following an attempt to defraud a bank at Henrietta, Tex., by forged telegram. On December 20, the Henrietta bank received a wire from a bank at Electra, Tex., to pay this man \$10. This was authentic. On December 21, the Henrietta bank received another telegram purporting to be from the Electra bank to pay Desmond without identification \$900. At the time of Desmond's call, the cashier and his assistant were out of the bank. He was told to return. Meanwhile the Henrietta bank received word from the telegraph operator at Electra that the telegram was fraudulent. The officers at

Henrietta were notified and when Desmond returned to the bank he was arrested. His baggage contained such paraphernalia as would establish him as a burglar and dangerous character. He is 21 years, short, heavy set; has dark hair and eyes, thick nose. Claims to be a native of Minnesota, but to have spent the past twelve years in Texas and Oklahoma.

F. J. DUSKY, as reported in a previous article of this issue, was arrested on December 21, by the police of Seattle, Wash. He had implicated himself in a bank robbery at Renton, Wash.

F. C. GOOD, alias J. C. Carr, alias Crawford, an extremely bold forger was taken into custody on December 13, by the authorities at Los Angeles, Cal. Good perpetrated a very good forgery of a depositor's signature to a check and presented it at the bank where the latter carried his account. It was so cleverly done that the teller passed upon it without the least question. It was so easy that Good determined to try again. The very next day he appeared at the bank, gave his name as J. C. Carr, and passed in his check. Again the teller was misled. Good could not stop now. For the third time he approaches the bank and inserts his cleverly forged check. Meanwhile, however, the teller has learned that the depositor in question had not issued the checks payable to Good and Carr. Consequently when the forger appeared before him for the third time the teller was prepared. In a moment he had communicated with police headquarters, two local detectives arrived and Good was captured. He is 29 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with this Association in financing an investigation.

M. S. GRAY, negro, who has defrauded a member at Sugarland, Tex., in the cashing of a bogus draft, was on December 22, arrested near DeKalb, Tex., by our agents and officers of Paris, Tex. Gray admitted the charge.

JAMES C. HATELEY, formerly an inspector of the Casualty Company of America, San Francisco, Cal., was taken into custody at Chicago, Ill., on January 6, by our agents and the local authorities. He is charged with having forged the signature of the manager of this company to two checks which he passed upon a member at San Francisco. Hateley made a complete confession of his guilt and stated his willingness to return to San Francisco for punishment. This case had demanded the attention of the San Francisco, Portland, New Orleans, New York and Chicago offices of our detective agents. He is 25 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build; has dark hair and eyes. The California Bankers Association has co-operated with our agents in this case.

EDWARD E. JONES, who was wanted by the U. S. authorities as a deserter of Company "H," 16th Infantry, who also put to loss a member at El Paso, Tex., in the cashing of a draft to which he had forged a depositor's signature, returned to military control and is now awaiting trial at Ft. Monroe, Va.

JOHNNIE JUDGE, of Catawba, S. C., who secured local orders for the Charles William Stores, Inc., Brooklyn and New York, N. Y., has been arrested at Rock Hill, S. C., charged by a local member, it is alleged, with defrauding by forged checks.

L. R. KERNS and NELLIE MILLER, who defrauded a member at Portland, Ore., in the cashing of a \$300 check to which Nellie Miller had forged the indorsement of Kerns' wife, were on December 31, arrested at Portland, Ore., by our detective agents and the local police. Kerns had obtained possession of the check through misrepresentation. The Oregon Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in financing this investigation.



BERT J. KINKADE

BERT J. KINKADE, telegraph operator, is under arrest at Pocatello, Idaho, for an unsuccessful attempt to secure funds from a local bank by forged telegrams. During early December he called at the bank and displayed a Western Union day letter addressed to him at a local hotel. It read, "Call at First National of Pocatello for money." While at the bank a telegram addressed to the latter was received, "Please honor Bert J. Kinkade check for \$100. We will protect," signed, "Webster County Bank, Red Cloud, Neb., cashier." In its own way the local Western Union office learned that this telegram was a forgery. They at once notified the bank. Under a pretext Kinkade was detained till the arrival of the sheriff. The prisoner confessed the telegrams as forgeries and stated he wanted the money to cover a hotel bill. He is 50 years (appears 45), 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds.

JESS LITRELL, member of the noted Poe-Hart band of bank robbers, is reported in another article of this issue as having been captured by officers following a gun fight at Okemah, Okla. The information as to Littrell's whereabouts was supplied to the officers of Oklahoma who composed the posse, by our detective agents.

OSCAR LOWE, as reported in a previous article of this issue, was arrested on December 21, by the police of Seattle, Wash. He had implicated himself in a bank robbery at Bothell, Wash., and an unsuccessful attempt at Seattle.

WALTER McDONALD, as reported in a previous article of this issue, was arrested on December 21, by the police of Seattle, Wash. He had implicated himself in a bank robbery at Bothell, Wash.

HAROLD MARVIN has been arrested at Joplin, Mo., by our agents and the local authorities in connection with the \$2,468.25 robbery of the Farmers & Miners Bank, Oronogo, Mo., which was perpetrated on the 13th of December by two men. The case is still being persistently investigated.



A. J. ROUNDS, as reported in a previous article of this issue, was arrested on December 21, by the police of Seattle, Wash. He had implicated himself in bank robberies at Renton and Bothell, Wash., and an unsuccessful attempt at Seattle.

FRANK SILVA, alias Joseph Tabash, a Portuguese, who has victimized a member at South San Francisco, Cal., by check to which he forged the signature of a depositor, was on December 21, arrested by the authorities at Tracey, Cal., at the instigation of our detective agents. He is 23 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in this case.

MAURICE SISCO, negro, has come to grief for the defrauding of a member at Battle Creek, Mich., by forgery. On December 26, Sisco presented check on their bank, favor of F. Bischoff for \$226.45. It was drawn by the Candy Crabb Stores Co. He declared that he was F. Bischoff and explained that he had done decorating work at the Crabb stores and the check was in payment of his labors. The Crabb account was good, the negro's story seemed in good faith, the check was accepted, Sisco having forged the name of Bischoff. He accepted \$110.45 in cash and opened an account in the name Frank Bischoff for the balance \$116. Subsequently this amount was checked out. On January 2, an official of the Crabb concern notified the bank that the check made payable to Bischoff had not been received by him. It was then that the bank realized how they had been victimized. Our agents and the local officer made immediate investigation in which they fastened responsibility for the deed upon Sisco. On January 4, the Grand Rapids, Mich., authorities took Sisco into custody, upon advice from Battle Creek.

JAN TOMALO, Pole, who recently victimized a member at Buffalo, N. Y., by impersonating a depositor and forging his name to a check which the bank cashed, was on January 9, arrested at Niagara Falls, N. Y., by local authorities upon information furnished by our detective representatives. After securing the money from the bank Tomalo hastened from Buffalo.

H. C. WILLIAMS, 42, who was responsible for loss to a member at Cleveland, Ohio, by negotiating a check to which the signature of a Kouts, Ind., party was forged, was on January 15, arrested by our agents and the authorities at Columbus, Ohio. Williams for two years previous to February, 1915, was manager of the National Ticket Co., Cleveland. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 240 pounds; has dark hair mixed with gray; is an habitual liquor drinker; smokes "stogies" continuously; is a printer.

## TEN YEARS FOR BANK ROBBERY

Individual who robbed San Francisco bank in daylight of August 30, meets justice

"Ten years in Folsom Penitentiary." Edward Von Walden, the sentenced man was led from the stand. It was a heavy price to pay for his trophyless deed of August 30, 1916. On that day he proceeded by auto to the Anglo California Trust Company, San Francisco, Cal., alighted, ordered the chauffeur to await his return, then entered the bank. Once within he covered the teller with a loaded six shooter. \$3,159.10 of the bank fell into his possession. He had then backed



EDWARD VON WALDEN

out of the bank and into the auto. However, the chauffeur, a respectable citizen of San Francisco, sensed trouble and instead of driving Von Walden according to the latter's directions, he took a road leading to a police station. A few yards from the latter place the chauffeur turned the car into the underbrush, wrecking it and stunning Von Walden to such a degree that he was unable to hasten away. The arrest followed, the stolen money was secured by the officers. Von Walden was convicted during December after a brief trial in which he acted as his own attorney. He explained that he wanted the money to finance a business adventure and had all intentions of returning it. His mother, a prominent clubwoman of Ohio, wrote him that she would bring alienists to San Francisco to prove him mentally deranged. Neither she nor the alienists appeared. After he has served his sentence, which dates from December 27, Von Walden must return to the Michigan State Reformatory. He escaped from that institution some time ago, having been sent up on a similar charge.

PETER K. CAMPAS, forgery, December 29, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to not less than 1½ nor more than 2 years, Western (Pa.) Penitentiary.

JOHN KENNETH CARNES (carried as George Richmond), bogus checks, December 23, 1 year's parole. (Carnes was arrested by the Iowa City, Iowa, authorities upon obtaining this parole. He now awaits trial on their charge.)

MRS. JNO. CHAMPLEVIER, alias Mrs. A. Burke, forgery, pleaded guilty, sentenced to not less than 18 months nor more than 5 years.

GEORGE W. COLLINS, alias J. A. Randoff, forgery, December 23, pleaded guilty, given indeterminate term, Ohio State Reformatory.

ED. CULVER, robbery, pleaded guilty, 5 years Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

L. R. GIDDINGS, worthless check, January 15, 6 months, St. Louis, Mo., workhouse.

NATHANIEL CAREY HALSTEAD, alleged bogus draft, released.

FRANK HALIMOND, forgery, pleaded guilty, December 19, 5 years parole.

EDWARD J. KAVANAUGH, bogus check, December 11, 6 months parole.

L. R. KERNS, alleged forgery, released.

OSCAR LOWE, bank robbery, January 6, 5 to 15 years Washington State Penitentiary.



WALTER McDONALD, bank robbery, January 6, 5 to 15 years Washington State Penitentiary.

GEORGE MILLER, alias Paul Burns, forgery, convicted June 3, 1916, New York State Reformatory, indeterminate sentence.

NELLIE MILLER, alleged forgery, released.

SAMUEL P. MOORE, bogus draft, December 19, pleaded guilty, 2 years, Texas State Penitentiary.

U. H. MORGAN, alias W. H. Moore, worthless drafts, returned to Cordell, Okla., sentenced to State penitentiary 2 years.

M. N. PARISH, forgery, convicted on two counts, indeterminate term 1 to 10 years on each count, Kansas State Penitentiary.

W. M. PAYNE, robbery, pleaded guilty, 5 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

O. B. PICKETT, worthless check, pleaded guilty, 3 years Kansas State Penitentiary.

JOHN H. REDMAN, forgery, escaped jail while awaiting trial.

W. W. ROBERTS, alias L. D. Morgan, worthless check, returned to Kansas State Penitentiary to complete unexpired term.

A. J. ROUNDS, bank robbery, January 6, 5 to 15 years, Washington State Penitentiary.

CHARLES H. SKAGGS, alleged forgery, case dismissed.

HORACE STAMPER, alias Harry Douglas, forgeries, pleaded guilty, indeterminate term, Kansas State Reformatory.

EARL M. TATE, alias Terry Keller, alias Jim Burns, forgery, pleaded guilty, 5 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

J. M. WARD, alias Jacques Ward, alleged forgery, released.

CLYDE W. WELCH, forgery, pleaded guilty, released 1 year parole at Cleveland, Ohio.

H. C. WILLIAMS, passing forged check, released.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS

Amato, Bruna, forgery, Richfield Springs, N. Y.

Armstrong, Jack, forgery, Ennis, Tex.

Bachrack, Morris, forgery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.

Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.

Bloomington, William C., forgery, Lemoore, Cal.

Bowers, Alcid, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.

Braun, F. A., forgery, Houston, Texas.

Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.

Burnell, Frank, mortgage swindle, Junction City, Kan.

Busby, Joe, mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.

Carnes, John Kenneth, bogus check, Iowa City, Iowa.

Carroll, M. A., bogus checks, Omaha, Neb.

Chisholm, Frank, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Clark, Josephine, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Clemmens, Mrs. C. L., forgery, Okmulgee, Okla.

Cohenour, R. V., raised check, Alderson, W. Va.

Dabney, C. W., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Davis, Harvie A., bogus check, Portland, Me.

Davis, L. S., swindle, Canton, Miss.

Desmond, J. H., forged telegram, Henrietta, Tex.

East, Clarence, forgery, Nardin, Okla.

Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.

Gay, Leland I., forgery, Petersburg, Va.

Goffney, Will, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.

Good, F. C., forgery, Oakland, Cal.

Goodwin, J. D., forgery, Oakland, Cal.

Gray, M. S., bogus draft, Sugarland, Tex.

Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.

Grimes, Walter R., forgery, Brownsville, Tex.

Guggenheim, Mannie, worthless check, Pueblo, Colo.

Hadley, Albert, forgery, Eugene, Ore.

Hardy, W. J., swindle, Portland, Ore.

Harmon, Frank, forgery, Houston, Tex.

Hateley, James C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.

Hebert, Raymond, forgery, Coalville, Utah.

Hill, John, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Johnson, Abraham, bogus check, McLeansboro, Ill.

Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.

Jones, Edward E., forgery, El Paso, Tex.

Jones, Mary, forgery, Galveston, Tex.

Judge, Johnnie, forgery, Rock Hill, S. C.

Kelly, L. W., forgery, El Paso, Tex.

Kinkade, Bert J., forgery, Pocatello, Idaho.

Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.

Lacovara, Carmine, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Langner, Mollie, swindle, Cleveland, Ohio.

Lewis, Charley, forgery, Marshall, Mo.

Loehrs, Bernard, bogus check, Asbury Park, N. J.

McConnell, Ruel T., worthless drafts, Hattiesburg, Miss.

McQueen, Ed., forgery, Houston, Tex.

Markowitz, Elias, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.

May, W. J., raised check, Dayton, Ohio.

Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Miller, A. J., forgery, Lyons, Kan.

Murphy, Edward V., forgery, Washington, D. C.

Offner, Marie, forgery, Denver, Colo.

Osborne, Clarence, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.

Peterson, Lawrence, forgery, St. Louis, Mo.

Powell, Sonney, forgery, Oilton, Okla.

Pritchard, R. E., mortgage swindle, Haskell, Okla.

Ragain, Fred, forgery, Bartlesville, Okla.

Rhyme, Amanda, forgery, Floral City, Fla.

Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.

Ritter, Alfred Charles, bogus check, Independence, Mo.

Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.

Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.

Samuelson, Harry, forgery, Seattle, Wash.

Settle, William, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.

Shuter, James, bogus checks, Belvidere, N. J.

Silva, Frank, forgery, South San Francisco, Cal.

Simms, Mrs. E. W., worthless check, Waldo, Fla.

Sisco, Maurice, forgery, Battle Creek, Mich.

Smith, A. B., forgery, Livingston, Cal.

Smith, Huntington, forgery, St. Paul, Minn.

Socwell, Wm. H., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.

Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.

Storey, Luther, forgery, New Orleans, La.

Stout, Samuel, forgery, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Tannus, Tom, forgery, Chicago, Ill.

Tiley, E. L., bogus check, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.

Tomalo, Jan, forgery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Valcano, William, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Ward, Erret, forged draft, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 Washington, Dennis, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.  
 West, Ralph, forgery, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Wileman, C. T., forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Williams, Albertha, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Williams, Jack, forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Zinaman, Irving, forgery, New York, N. Y.

#### BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Alderman, Hugh, hold up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Ashley, John, hold up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Assman, A. L., robbery, Winslow, Neb.  
 Barton, Earl, hold up and robbery, Rosedale, Kan.  
 Bergens, J. W., robbery and murder, Point, Tex.  
 Carruthers, Andy, alleged robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Close, Rea, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Colcord, Thomas, robbery, Winslow, Neb.  
 Cooley, Marion, robbery, Brush, Colo.  
 Crowley, W. J., hold up and robbery, Rosedale, Kan.  
 Dusky, Frank, robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Fumar, Frank, attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 King, Norval S., hold up, Englewood, Colo.  
 Littrell, Jess, hold up, Harrah, Okla.  
 McKinney, Calvin, robbery, Crowder, Okla.  
 Mace, Eli, robbery, Brush, Colo.  
 Marvin, Harold, robbery, Oronogo, Mo.  
 Rankin, Charles, hold up and robbery, Boswell, Okla.  
 Rice, Frank, hold up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Smith, Frank, hold up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Steed, William J., attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Stunkel, George, attempted robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Trowbridge, Bertha, hold up, Jarbalo, Kan.  
 Whittenberg, Ray, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.

#### QUICK ACTION AND CO-OPERATION

Rapid work of Secret Service, Department of Justice and a New York detective, aid in the confiscating of bogus paper

On January 18 this department received a telephone call from a local firm of stationers and printers. They declared that a man had ordered letter-heads for a Lumberman's National Bank, Blaine, Wash., and stated that the bank was to be organized April 1, 1917, and was to be consolidated with another bank at Blaine. He gave his name as Wilson and stated that the officers would be L. W. Worth, president; Edward Peel, vice-president; A. B. Cartwright, cashier. Wilson ordered that the letter-heads when completed should be delivered to Edward Peel at an address in New York City. The printers were suspicious of this deal and consequently called upon us. Without a moment's loss we got in touch with the U. S. Secret Service, Washington, requesting that they advise us if a charter had been asked for the Lumberman's National Bank, Blaine, Wash. We also wired to the Home State Bank at Blaine informing them of Wilson and his order of letter-heads, naming the alleged officers, and requested them to advise us if this transaction was legitimate and what they knew of the men named. Shortly we received a reply from the Home State: "We do not know anything of proposed Lumbermen's National Bank, neither do we know any of the parties

mentioned." At the same time Washington wired: "No application to charter Lumbermen's National Bank of Blaine, Wash., has been filed." Wilson was evidently a fraud and intended securing a stock of letter-heads for a swindling purpose. The following day the delivery was to be made. We arranged with the local office of the United States Department of Justice, special agents, for a representative to go with a representative of our detective agents to the printer in the morning, also to accompany the latter in delivering the package. The Department of Justice arranged for a local police officer to meet them and go along. The special agent of the United States Department of Justice, the representative of our detective agency and police officer proceeded to the address of Edward Peel and the letter-heads were "delivered." A man who gave his name as Edward Peel and who answered to a marked degree the description given by the printer of Wilson came to the door and declared that "Wilson" was out. Peel announced himself as "just a visitor" at the apartment. When questioned Peel emphatically denied that he was Wilson. Though he was mentioned as vice-president of the proposed bank, yet he could give no details as to the organizing, the financing, the stock, etc. When asked his occupation, he said he lived by gambling. A thorough search of the apartment failed to produce any matter that would establish his identity. Before leaving our representative suggested to Peel that if he were not Wilson he would not want any incriminating evidence in his possession. "No, I do not want that package, take it away with you," he said. Inasmuch as there was no charge on which Peel, or Wilson, might be held the officers were obliged to come off empty-handed—with the exception of the letter-heads, which, had they got into Peel's hands, might have become the instruments of many a swindling transaction. We wish to state that when "Wilson" approached the printer's he declared that the letter-heads must show the bank's capital as \$50,000 and its surplus as \$115,000. At this statement the clerk registered surprise; whereupon "Wilson" interrupted with the remark that the surplus could be omitted, that it was unimportant anyway. Peel is 32 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, of slim build; has brown eyes and hair; is nervous. We are grateful for the quick action and co-operation of the United States Secret Service at Washington, the Home State Bank at Blaine, the Department of Justice and Detective Bureau, New York City, and the local printer.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 31, 1916.	Arrested since August 31, 1916.	Arrests in January, 1917.	Total.	Convicted, Discharged or Acquitted.	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane, or Dead.	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers .....	99	103	22	125	93	31	7
Burglars .....	..	7	..	7	2	1	..
Hold-up Robbers	14	18	12	30	17	5	1
	113	128	34	162	112	37	8
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## SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

### OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM.—Brown-Marx Building.  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—L. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Bldg.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Scris, c/o Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exch. Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—White Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, A. B. Cooper, 908 Colcord Building.  
OKLAHOMA, TULSA.—Special Representative, J. A. Gustafson, P. O. Box 97.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.  
RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
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TEXAS, DALLAS.—Special Representative, P. R. Schumacher, 601 Young Street.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
270 E. 2nd So. Street.  
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—Special Representative, Wm. Duffy, 534 South 2nd East Street.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## A RESOLUTION FOR EVERY BANK MAN

Whereas, Approximately 95 per cent. of the banking business of the country is done by check, and

Whereas, The operations of bogus, worthless and forged check operators are on the increase rather than the decrease, and have become a menace to the banks and merchants of the country, and

Whereas, To a great extent this condition is due to undue confidence being placed in the integrity of strangers, and the willingness of banks and merchants to oblige, "take a chance" and pocket the loss in a spirit of American sportsmanship.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That I will hereafter use greater diligence in the cashing of checks for strangers, that I will insist that they thoroughly identify themselves, that believing "time is money," I will spend ten minutes in the verification of identification rather than lose \$10 on a bogus, worthless or forged check in addition to the time, annoyance and ill feeling caused when discovered.

I further resolve that I will enlist the earnest co-operation of the banks, merchants' association, chambers of commerce, merchants, hotels and the civil authorities of my community in a "campaign of carefulness" against cashing checks for strangers without proper identification.

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## FEBRUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### AGENTS FOIL BANK ROBBERY

Burns man learns plans of two men to rob member at Ballard, Wash.—Notifies authorities and assists in arrest of conspirators

An attache of the Seattle office of our detective agents had registered at a Seattle hotel on January 15. He was shown to his room and made preparations to retire. The partition separating his room and the room to the right, he considered, must have been very light, for the low conversation of two men in that room was carried very clearly to his ears. He made no endeavor to follow the talk of the men until he heard mentioned the words, "bank"—"safe." Then he pressed his ears to the wall and sought to catch every word. The conversation was shortly brought to an end but not before the Burns man, W. F. Hempenstall, had learned the plans of the two men to perpetrate a robbery on a bank at Everett, Wash. He immediately communicated this information to his office and the hotel was placed under rigid surveillance. On the following day while the men were out of their room, the Burns man, by permission of the hotel manager, installed a detectaphone. Matthews and Morgan, the conspirators, were being closely followed on the outside by our agents, who were prepared to arrest the men immediately if they should make a suspicious move. On their return to their quarters it was learned that they had decided to abandon their plans for the robbery of the Everett bank, instead to turn their efforts upon the "Olympian," crack train of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R., which would arrive in Seattle Monday, January 22. Our agents solicited the aid of railroad and county officers. By aid of the detectaphone they had learned that Matthews and Morgan

would board the train at Cedar Falls and when it was out twenty minutes from that point they were to start at the first car back of the day coach and go through the train with drawn revolvers, robbing the passengers as they went. When finished, they planned to pull the emergency brake and leave the train in the "meadows" just outside of Seattle and make their getaway. The railroad, county officers and Burns' men stationed themselves throughout the train and awaited the arrival of the robbers. As planned, the two men boarded the train at Cedar Falls, but for some reason, unknown to our agents, made no move to promote a robbery. They left the train at Renton, with the investigators in their footsteps, and proceeded back to their room.

By aid of the detectaphone Hempenstall then learned that the men on January 23 would attempt to rob the Ballard, Wash., branch of the Scandinavian American Bank. On the day in question he hastened to Ballard, related the details to the local authorities, then proceeded to prepare the bank for the visit of Matthews and Morgan. The lady attaches were permitted to leave the bank, the male clerks put under orders. The officers "hid" themselves within the bank. The investigator then removed to the office of a doctor directly opposite the bank. He was in full view of the bank and street, prepared to shoot down Matthews and Morgan should they succeed in getting safely out of the bank. At the time set the two men appeared. Morgan walked slowly past the bank. Matthews followed at a hundred yards. The two connected a block ahead, then returned to the corner of the bank street. They were evidently counting the customers in the bank. A policeman standing in the neighborhood (he was unaware of the proceedings) attracted the at-



tention of Morgan and Matthews. For twenty minutes the would-be robbers held their station. It was learned afterward that they feared to attack the bank while so many customers were present and while the policeman hovered so near. Turning his eyes from the men, Hempenstall observed the officers come from the bank. They believed the men had gone. He then pointed out the subjects. At this point the officers resolved to take the two into custody, proceeded to where the latter stood, covered them with their firearms and demanded a surrender. Four guns and a "black jack" were taken from the prisoners. They were led to jail and confessed to the fact that they intended to hold-up and rob the Ballard bank. Frank Morgan, 22, is a longshoreman, Floyd Matthews, 27, a singleweaver. We are indeed pleased that through the vigilance of our detective agents a member of the Association was saved a loss, perhaps not only to its funds, but to the personal welfare of one or more of its attaches.

## WARNING

### NAMES LIEB MFG. CO.

Passes bogus certified checks on fictitious bank while posing as agent

The Lieb Manufacturing Co. of Leroy, N. Y., and the Second National Bank, Leroy, are names of institutions that do not exist. An individual who proclaims himself agent for the Lieb Company, exhibits cards and letters, has visited Concord, N. H., Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., and Indiana, Pa., and negotiated checks bearing this bank and firm name. He relates that the checks have been forwarded to him to cover his expenses. At Concord he approached a bank and opened an account with one of these checks, also bogus check on the Laconia National, New York. He did not secure any advance, but obtained possession of a book of checks. Probably his endeavor at the bank was not to swindle it, but merely to get hold of blank checks. A hotel where he registered and succeeded in perpetrating his swindle declares that he bears a "countrified" appearance. Has used the names M. P. Dearing, R. Wood, H. C. Collier, L. H. Leslie. His check on Leroy are stamped, "good when properly indorsed—Second National Bank," by S. F. Smith, cashier. He is 25 to 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 to 140 pounds. Checks on the First National, Concord, N. H., may soon be brought into play by Dearing.

*M. P. Dearing*

### NAMES NATIONAL COLLECTION AGENCY

Defrauds two Oregon banks with drafts on Spokane, Wash., concern

A member at Medford, and two at Roseburg, Ore., are the victims of one H. A. Youmans. This individual represented himself as an agent of the National

Collection Agency, Spokane, Wash., and by a well rehearsed tale to the effect that mail containing funds due him by the agency had been delayed and that he was in immediate need, was permitted to draw against the agency by draft. The latter declares that they made a contract with Youmans on August 5, 1916, to solicit business on a commission basis. Since November 24, he did not send in any business, therefore had no money due him for which reason the drafts were dishonored. They deny his authority to draw drafts against them. Youmans is 50 years, 6 feet, 190 pounds, of medium stout build; has gray hair, ruddy complexion; of good appearance.

## RAISES PENCIL CHECK

Colorado member reports passing upon check written by depositor in pencil and raised by payee

A depositor of a member at Evans, Colo., recently made check payable to one John Harris, amount \$13.75. It was written in pencil. The check was cashed by Harris at a merchandise store, in turn presented at the bank, which paid out \$30.75. The depositor pronounced the check raised. It is presumed that Harris raised the check. It was a very easy matter to rub out the "n" in "thirteen" and form the "ee" into a "y." The figures were changed with even greater ease. This member believes that banks should post signs in their rooms warning customers against writing checks in pencil. The merchandise company will eventually suffer the loss, the bank being privileged to collect \$17 the excess paid.

LOUIS A. ACKLEY. During January a man 45 years of age entered a Baltimore, Md., bank and requested that he be referred to a reputable local attorney. He declared that he desired to employ the latter to collect a note of \$3,000, which he held against Oliver R. Lindsay, Pittsburgh, Pa. The bank did as requested and the attorney accepted this matter of collection. The note was in favor of Ackley, dated July 16, 1916, signed Oliver R. Lindsay, and H. J. Warren, Pittsburgh. The attorney immediately wrote Lindsay and Warren. Several days thereafter Ackley again approached the attorney, declaring that he had heard from Lindsay, to the effect that Lindsay had mailed him (the attorney) a check drawn in Ackley's favor, amount of \$1,000, on the Monongahela National Bank of Pittsburgh. The attorney exhibited the check in question, deducted his commission of 10 per cent., and gave Ackley, at his request, his personal check for \$900, later identifying him at a local bank, where cash was turned over to Ackley. The Monongahela National branded the check as bogus. The swindler operated at this time in a like manner at Pittsburgh under the name Oliver R. Lindsay. The contention is

*Oliver Lindsay*  
*Louis A. Ackley*

that after he made his arrangements at Baltimore he sped to Pittsburgh, received the letters which the Baltimore attorney wrote to Lindsay and Warren, replied to them, enclosing check on the Monongahela National, then returned to Baltimore. He is 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build; had the appearance of a consumptive.

B. S. BALL, 45, is alleged to be the individual who recently put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., in the cashing of a check bearing the forged signature of a depositor. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 125 pounds; teeth gold filled and project noticeably; is a tinner by trade.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE is wanted by a member at Blytheville, Ark., whom he victimized by forged checks. This fellow is a tramp printer. The sheriff at Blytheville has issued a circular to the effect that a liberal reward will be paid for arrest and delivery of Breckenridge, alias Newburn, alias Gilbert. He is 30 years, 5 feet 1 inch, slender; appears as in bad health.

W. L. BROWN. Introducing himself by this name and presenting a card which proclaimed him as a shoe salesman of Mt. Pleasant, Tex., a man 32 to 35 years of age, on January 16 succeeded in defrauding a Kansas City, Mo., member. At his request the bank wired to Mt. Pleasant asking that they be notified if they (Mt. Pleasant) would honor a \$25 draft for W. L. Brown. Answer was received to honor; the Kansas City bank complied. A few days later it was determined that the true W. L. Brown had not received this money nor had he been to Kansas City. The imposter is 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds; has thin face, dark hair.

CHARLES BUCKLES has fleeced a member at Caruthersville, Mo., by forging the signatures of two good farmers to a \$125 note which the bank bought. He used the name A. L. Fry in this transaction. Sheriff holds warrant. Buckles is 34 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds; has a very noticeable mole on left cheek.

B. F. BURK, 41, has victimized a member at Seattle, Wash., by cashing two checks to which he forged the signature of a depositor. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 138 pounds, stout, white hair; is of faded complexion, one eye is crossed.

E. J. BUTLER, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is reported by a member at Montevallo, Ala. He had this member handle for him a check for \$500 and another for \$505 on the Bank of Commerce, Chattanooga, Tenn. They were turned down, yet Butler had drawn a sum against them, thereby victimizing the bank. He also drew a check against this bank at Wilton and Birmingham, Ala. He is said to have been employed for nineteen years past by the Southern Railway. Is 45 years, 6 feet, 190 pounds.

STEPHEN CODAR, alias S. Conde, who proclaims himself a wine buyer for the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., is wanted at San Francisco on a warrant sworn to by a local member charging defrauding by bogus checks. Codar fleeced this bank by check kiting. His bogus check was drawn on a bank at Saratoga, N. Y. That town declared they knew Codar only as a follower of races and that he had several

local obligations awaiting settlement. He is 35 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 163 pounds; has a small mustache. The California Bankers' Association is co-operating with the financing of an investigation.

E. R. COLLINS. A check payable in this name, signed E. Meyers, on Scranton Savings and Dime Bank, Pa., was cashed January 30, for the alleged Collins, by a member at Easton, Pa. It has been branded as bogus. Evidently Collins and Meyers are aliases of the operator.

*E. R. Collins*  
E. R. Collins

ROGER W. CURTIS. Checks made payable to cash, purporting to be signed by a depositor of a New York City member bank, indorsed R. W. Curtis, were recently cashed at the bank in question. The depositor has pronounced these forgeries. A very thorough investigation has been put under way by our detective agents but Curtis has thus far eluded arrest. He is a married man but does not live with his wife. Our agents are convinced that Curtis is still within the city limits. He is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds, of medium build, light complexion.

*Roger W. Curtis*

JAMES G. DAVIS. On December 11, 1916, a check for \$102.25, drawn by the Union Mercantile Co., Sedro Woolley, Wash., was presented to a member at Burlington, Wash., by an individual representing himself as engineer on the Great Northern Railway. It was cashed. It has developed that the original check was issued to Cluett, Peabody & Co., of Seattle. The payee's name had been erased and James G. Davis inserted. This fraud was not discovered until December 26, when a statement was mailed from Cluett, Peabody Co. because they had not received the check. The presumption is that the check was stolen while in transit. "Davis" is described as being of medium height, stout, light complexion, smooth shaven, a full round face. Warrant is held for his arrest by the Sheriff of Skagit County, Wash.

E. EVANS, termed the "hobo forger," is wanted at Oxnard, Cal., on a warrant sworn to by a local member charging Evans with defrauding by forged check. Bank declares Evans is a habitual drinker, has done farm work. He is 50 years, 5 foot 10 inches, 165 pounds; has short, stubby mustache; can cook.



HOMER PALMORE FORD

HOMER PALMORE FORD, known also as G. F. Kinney, bookkeeper of the Peninsula Lumber Co., Portland, Ore., is alleged to have raised two company checks and cashed them at two Portland banks. He is 28 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds; has light hair, light gray eyes; is a chauffeur, and an "auto fiend." The Oregon Bankers' Association is co-operating with this Association by financing an investigation. Ford left Portland February 5 in company of two sisters.

GEORGE HARRISON. New Orleans, La., has been attacked by a very persistent swindler. He has visited many local banks, opening an account in each with \$2.00 cash, later depositing a check of large amount purporting to have been issued to him by the Southern Gravel & Sand Co., New Orleans. In each instance he has striven to secure advance on these checks, but the banks have taken the precaution to verify their validity. The checks are forgeries. Harrison is 25 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 130 pounds.

EDWARD R. HOLLAND, alias R. Armstrong, is sought by our agents on behalf of a member at Brooklyn, N. Y., whom Holland defrauded by aid of a forged check. He is 23 years (appears older), 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, slim and erect; wears glasses with tortoise shell rims. His check was drawn on Liberty, N. Y., bank, where he is well known.

*Edward R. Holland?*

J. W. HOUSEMAN, on January 24, was introduced at a Millington, Tenn., member bank by a depositor. Houseman related that he would want the bank to "handle some paper for him," claiming that he held notes against several of the farmers in the vicinity, having inherited the notes through his father's estate. Houseman and the depositor left the bank and a short while later Houseman alone returned. He exhibited stationery of J. W. Houseman & Co., General Merchandise, Pollard, Ark., referred to his deceased father as an old time banker of Memphis, produced a check book on the Clay County Bank, Piggott, Ark., and filled out a check for fifty, extending it for cash. Fully impressed, the bank official cashed the check. It proved worthless. Houseman is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds. Was accompanied by a woman who claimed to be his wife.

J. W. HOLTZAPPLE, Jr., of Overland Park, Kan., fleeced a local member out of \$65. On February 10 he opened an account with a check on the Southwest National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, signed H. L. Snediker. The \$65 was advanced to him. It developed that the check was worthless and Snediker's signature a forgery. Holtzapple, Jr., is 22 years, 5 feet 10 inches, of chunky build; does carpenter work.

*J. W. Holtzapple*

C. K. HUGHES, native of Joliet, Ill., has put to loss a member at Beckley, W. Va. He was recently employed as mechanic and auto driver at Fireco, a small town near Beckley, and thus engaged, received a slight injury. He was treated by a doctor of Fireco, who permitted Hughes to do slight tasks about his home, while Hughes was convalescing. After several days the latter was given a check for his services. He proceeded to duplicate the doctor's signature on a blank which he stole and passed it at the Beckley bank. Warrant is held by our agents at Pittsburgh and a rigid investigation is under way. Hughes has a record at Joliet as a bogus check operator. He wears pin of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is 42 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds; has dark eyes; thick black hair.

C. A. JONES has defrauded a member at Laurel, Mont., by cashing a \$125 check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. Is 33 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 130 pounds; has thin face; dissipated appearance; nervous.



ARTHUR KLEINE

ARTHUR KLEINE, farmer, is reported by a member at Lincoln, Nebr., as having victimized them by swindle. This man was recently released from the Nebraska Penitentiary, where he was sentenced for obtaining money by false pretenses. He is 5 feet 6 3/4 inches, 145 pounds, of sandy complexion; wears glasses.

JOE KRASOENS, Pole, is suspected as the individual who recently put to loss a member at Houston, Tex., in the cashing of a forged \$100 check. This man formerly was business associate to the depositor whose signature was forged. Krasoens is 28 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds.

CHARLES LAWSON. On February 15 a member at Rochester, N. Y., wrote us: "A few days ago a man giving his name and signing himself Mr. Chas.

Lawson opened an account with us for \$10. The following day (having put a '4' before the '10,' making the credit \$410) he came in and drew \$110 on his bank. He had the teller write the check and signed it, as he left his signature with the 'Mr.' When asked if the deposit of the previous day was made up of checks and cash, he replied, 'all cash'; and it being so recent the teller did not refer to the ledger. The man was tall, smooth faced, dark complexion, about 35 or 40 years, dark clothes and soft hat. He pretended ignorance as to banking methods, etc., and so the teller had no suspicion of his being crooked. The address left was incorrect, of course."

HENRY E. LEWIS has victimized a member at Richmond, Va., in the opening of an account by a small cash deposit, subsequently depositing a bogus check of large amount, and drawing against it. Richmond police hold warrant. Lewis is 20 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 125 to 130 pounds.

*Henry E. Lewis*

A. MCCOY, negro, has fleeced a member at Oakdale, La. He borrowed \$50 on a promissory note purporting to bear the indorsement of a local responsible party. When note came due, McCoy was missing. The bank then learned the indorsement was a pure forgery. Last heard of McCoy he was at Alexandria, La., where he had taken his wife for medical treatment.

A. CLAYTON McKEEN, gambler, is sought by our agents in behalf of a member at Wirt, Okla., who was recently indirectly defrauded by McKeen in a bogus check transaction, of which he was instigator. McKeen is 55 years, 5 feet 9 inches; wears glasses while reading. Is said to be lodge organizer of "Order of Deers," headquarters, Monett, Mo.

A. J. MAHER. A check of the Morton Dry Kiln Co., Chicago, was cashed February 13 by a Chicago member for A. J. Maher, to whom it was made payable. Kiln Company pronounces the check a forgery, explaining that several bank checks had been stolen from its book. This check, No. 7546, is the first one to make its appearance. Missing numbers are Nos. 7547-48-49-50 and 55. Maher is 21 years, 5 feet 9 inches, of dark hair and complexion.

WILLIAM J. MOLLER is wanted at Red Bank, N. J., on a warrant charging defrauding by forgery of indorsement. A local member has sworn to this warrant for Moller's arrest. He is 24 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; is erect, big, and awkward.

DR. H. A. MOORE is reported by a member of Newburgh, Mo., as having secured "1,000 shares of the Newburg Automatic Mail Co., unpaid for, obtained under fraud." They declare he obtained them by giving a note for \$1,000. At maturity of the note the bank was unable to locate Moore. He is said to stop at the best hotels. Is 6 feet, 190 pounds, of heavy build; has light hair. This bank asks information as to his whereabouts.

BARNEY H. MULCAHY. A \$500 check made payable in this name and purporting to bear the sig-

nature of a depositor was cashed some time ago by a member at Washington, D. C. The depositor, a doctor, pronounced the signature a forgery. The identity of Barney H. Mulcahy, has not been established. We are reproducing the writing of the forger in the belief that it may be identified by our readers, in which event we would be grateful for notification.

*Barney H. Mulcahy*

JACK MURPHY, 27, has fleeced a Chicago member of \$100 by presenting two withdrawal orders to which he had forged the depositors' names. He displayed both savings account books at time of withdrawing the money. Murphy is an acquaintance of these depositors. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds.

WAITTIE PETITT, Indian (American name B. W. Pettitt), is reported by a member at Pachuta, Miss., as having fleeced them by cashing two worthless checks on the bank of Cuba, Ala. Is said to have defrauded also a Meridian, Miss., hotel. According to the laws of Mississippi a person who draws a worthless check must be given notice before legal action can be taken against him. Pettitt has disappeared from Pachuta after passing his checks. Is a first-class auto mechanic; half breed Indian, 5 feet, 160 pounds.



F. I. SNOW

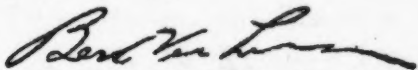
F. I. SNOW is wanted by a member at Jacksonville, Fla., whom he victimized by \$150 bogus check. On page 82 of the December 1916 Journal Supplement there is quoted an article on his operations, showing check, etc. We have just received the above photo from the Prison Department, Baltimore, Md., where he served a 5 year term for forgery under the name Howard H. Bell. He is 37 years, 5 feet 2 1/4 inches, 130 pounds, of stock build. Bertillon: 29.2, 65.0, 85.1, 19.6, 15.2, 13.2, 6.5, 23.7, 10.5, 8.2, 43.0.

O. B. SOLLIE. A member at Pocatello, Idaho, under date of February 10, wrote us to the effect that a man of this name who has conducted business at Pocatello as an architect defrauded their institution by bogus check in amount of \$35. They have heard of him last at Portland, Ore.

BERT VAN LEUVEN, 30, has defrauded a member at Salina, Kan., by negotiating a worthless check on the State Bank, Dodge City, Ia. His account at



the State Bank has been closed since November 28, 1916. He is 6 feet, slender, wears glasses of thick lenses; teeth are large and protrude at front, showing some gold. He was secretary of the Sawlof Oil & Gas Co., Dodge City.



CHARLES C. WARD, alias C. Ward, is cashing at Chicago checks bearing forged signature of a local bank depositor. He is 34 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds.

E. M. WARREN, painter, has put to loss a member at Aberdeen, S. D., by passing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 50 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds.



THOMAS WENT

THOMAS WENT, alias Thomas Hogan, fireman, is sought for the defrauding of a member at Rathburn, Idaho. He passed upon a Rathburn store a check to which he had forged the signature of a customer of the Rathburn bank. The bank failed to detect the forgery and is, therefore, victim. He is 31 years, 5 feet 9 1/4 inches, 192 pounds, of stout build; has red-brown hair, blue eyes. Bertillon: 76.0, 81.0, 92.8, 20.5, 15.4, 14.9, 6.2, 26.8, 12.3, 9.5, 47.5. Prints: 17/27 WIm/WOO = 19. He has served a term for forgery in the Idaho Penitentiary.

ROBERT B. WEST and CHARLES FILLMORE, negroes, 31 and 21 years of age, respectively, are being sought by our agents. It is declared these men forged the signature of their employer to a check which they cashed at the latter's bank, located at New York, N. Y. They are uncle and nephew. West, dramatic reader, has assumed the stage name of Harry West. Fillmore is an uneducated laborer.

FRED WINN, laborer, has put to loss a member at Kansas City, Mo., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 40 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 155 pounds; has a scar on face.

## GENERAL

### HOTEL SWINDLER TRAPPED

Man who operated with bogus checks against hotels in several states is arrested at Los Angeles

A shrewd hotel manager, a worthless check, a Burns detective. That is the formula responsible for

the uncomfortable predicament in which W. F. Magill found himself on the night of January 26. Only as a man of means might, Magill lived at the Angelus Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal., for two weeks previous to this date. When the time came to settle his bill of \$117.50 he produced his check book, dashed off an order on the American Trust Co., Boston, Mass., extended it to the manager and departed. Respect for Magill did not deter the manager from wiring the Boston bank as to the character of the paper. Ver-



W. F. MAGILL

dict, "Worthless." In behalf of the hotel an attache of the Los Angeles office of the Burns Detective Agency took up the trail of Magill, found him at the saloon of Barney Oldfield, racing king, and turned Magill over to the police. When the Burns men searched his trunk, besides numerous checkbooks they found keys of many hotels throughout the country. Incidentally the detectives ascertained that with similar worthless checks Magill had victimized hotels at Toledo, O., Philadelphia, Pa., New Orleans, La., Cleveland, O., New York, N. Y. They believe his operations cover many other cities. He will be returned to Toledo for prosecution.

## BRITISH WAR RELIEF NAMED

Solicitor of funds for war sufferers appropriated collections to his own use

Dr. William F. Grimwood is behind the bars, the proper place for a man who would represent himself as an agent for the relief of war sufferers of England and Belgium, collect funds from needy purses, then apply the proceeds to his own use. Grimwood landed on our shores from Essex, England, during March. He proceeded at once to New York City and then to Washington, D. C. All he met came to know him as a nobleman of England. His plea for the war sufferers of his country and those of belated Belgium "struck home" in a surprising degree. Every penny he collected found its way into his own purse. At Washington he succeeded in wedding a daughter of a well known and respected citizen. It is believed that he has a wife and family in London. The authorities at Washington on January 7, under Major and Superintendent R. W. Pullman, captured this dangerous swindler and impostor. A deep scar across the stomach of the prisoner prompted a query. "That's a result of a shell that burst upon me while I was fight-



DR. WM. F. GRIMWOOD

ing in France for my country," dramatically answered Grimwood. Later he was obliged to admit the scar was from an operation. He is 33 years, 5 feet 5½ inches, 170 pounds, of medium build; has dark chestnut hair, blue eyes. Bertillon: 67.5, 73.0, 90.2, 19.7 x 15.7, 6.4, 25.6, 11.5, 9.2, 44.7. Prints: 9/28, 0/1 = 11.

### OPERATES AS INSURANCE AGENT

#### Passes check of Great Eastern Life Insurance Co. in Pennsylvania

In previous issues we related the transactions of one J. B. Hall, alias C. A. Carter, etc., who was traveling throughout the Eastern states as an agent of the American Life Insurance Company (a fictitious concern), and cashing checks on the City National Bank, New York, N. Y. (a fictitious bank). Recently at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., this fellow, as C. A. Stevens, defrauded a local individual. This time his check was drawn on the First National Bank, New York, N. Y., purporting to have been issued by J. B. Craig, treasurer, Great Eastern Life Insurance Co.

### WRITES WAR NEWS AND CHECKS

#### German who represents himself as a war correspondent passes no account checks

Dr. J. W. Lorenz, a German of towering height and military appearance, is branded by a member at Cincinnati, Ohio, as a dangerous swindler. According to this bank's notification, Dr. Lorenz proceeds in his operations by securing board at places where Germans are housed. He immediately commands their attention and respect by asserting that he has been on the "inside" with several German generals, and even now is acting in the high capacity of war correspondent for a newspaper in New York and another in Boston. Lorenz is 6 feet 2 inches. He is erect and splendidly built. He speaks the German language fluently. His manner as well as his tales corroborate him in the declaration that "he has experienced service." Lorenz has also written war articles for magazines, he asserts. To prove this, he opens to inspection a letter addressed to him by a publishing house, on a printed letter-head, which states that they are enclosing to him a check in payment of articles he has written. In one instance his check was drawn on the Chemical National Bank, New York, N. Y. It was signed "Press Publishing Co.,



DR. WILLIAM LODTMAN

per Jas. B. Boice." At this juncture, when he has thoroughly acquired the confidence of his fellow boarders, Lorenz asks them to endorse his checks that he may secure the funds. "Of course these checks come back as there is no such firm and no such account at the banks on which they are drawn," writes the Cincinnati member. This man is said to wear a little ribbon in his coat lapel or a Masonic button, also a large diamond ring. The bank believes he has gone to Indianapolis or Chicago. Our agents have identified Lorenz as Dr. William Lodtman, aliases Wm. Lansing, H. J. Frawley, W. L. Wagner, Dr. J. H. Behrens, Chas. A. Brush, James S. Elliott, a national swindler who has a long criminal record. Bertillon: 20.0, 16.1, 12.5, 28.0, 51.2, 88.1. He has been referred to in the December, 1913, issue of the Journal Bulletin.

### LOST CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Under date of February 8, the Kansas Bankers' Association notified our agents:

"Advices just received by telephone from the First National Bank, Madison, Kan., that a certain time certificate of deposit for \$1,807.50 has been stolen from the holder. The certificate is dated Sept. 25, 1916; is payable one year after date to Sarah E. Campbell, and is numbered 807. The information is to the effect that it was lost or stolen in Oklahoma."

### LOST \$10,000 NOTE

We are informed by Mr. Louis E. Ehrick, attorney, 128 Broadway, New York City, that the Distributing Corporation drew a note, No. 15, at 120 days' sight, for \$10,000, payable to itself at the Lincoln Trust Company, 204 Fifth Avenue, this city. The note was signed by the corporation, by the president and treasurer, and was indorsed in blank in the same manner. This note has been lost and should same at any time be presented to any member, immediate notification of same would be appreciated.

F. P. BLACK. A hotel at Taylorville, Mo., has accepted a check of the "Herthal Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo.," payable to F. P. Black, to the Third National Bank, St. Louis. The bank pronounces it bogus, the Herthal Company being non-existent.

F. B. CASEMAN. Worthless drafts on the Ward-Hampton Co., McRay Automatic Spray Filters, acces-

ories, etc., payable to the order of F. B. Caseman to the Interstate National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., have recently been cashed at Sharon, Pa., and vicinity.

E. B. EDWARD, who claims to represent R. B. Stevens Mfg. Co., Brunswick, Ga., has defrauded a hotel at Richmond, Va., by passing a bogus check purporting to have been issued to him by this company. His check and card bore the word "STEMCO" printed in red ink. He has operated also at Lynchburg, Va. Is slender, of light complexion, 150 pounds.

A. W. FEAHOLM is drawing worthless checks against the Irving Park National Bank, Chicago, Ill., cashing same at Chicago. No bank approached.

J. P. HERR has been arrested at Kansas City, Mo. This fellow within a month's time had literally flooded that city with worthless checks on the Producers State Bank, Tulsa, Okla. At one time he carried a good account at this bank. Merchants, hotels, clubs were his victims.

The case of J. A. HOWARD, alias Joe Alexander, mentioned in our February issue as being wanted by a member at Frederick, Okla., on a charge of swindling by bogus check, has been dropped. This per information received from the Frederick member.



CAPTAIN FRANK JENNER

CAPTAIN FRANK JENNER on January 13 was arrested at Oakland, Cal., and returned to Martinez, Cal., to stand trial for passing a bogus check. Jenner posed as an English army officer. He states to our agents that he went from Montreal to New York last October, thence to Chicago, where he cashed a \$600 bogus check; was arrested, made good the check, was released. Then went to San Antonio, Tex., to study the American birdmen flying squad of the United States Army. Went on to Denver, was arrested, returned to Montreal, released. Next headed for Los Angeles, Cal., passed a \$60 check, was arrested, compromised and released. At San Francisco he passed another check. Later he served fifteen days in the Concord, Cal., jail for defrauding a local hotel. His checks were drawn on the Dominion Bank, Montreal. He at no time attacked a bank. Is well groomed, speaks perfect English, 34 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build. Jenner is known also as Janner, A. R. Chapman.

KENNETH KLEINE, alias J. H. Kruger, who represented himself as a wealthy farmer of Ohio, was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., by local authorities, January 22, charged with negotiating bogus checks. This arrest was made on information received from a member at Salina, where Kleine had operated; having made

negotiations to purchase land there, depositing a worthless draft on Canton, O. Among his effects were releases and papers from the Colorado State Penitentiary under name J. H. Kruger. He had been paroled from that institution December 27, 1916, after serving 1 year and 6 months for forgery. He is 38 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 190 pounds; German accent. He swindled a druggist and saloon-keeper at Kansas City by bogus checks.

WILLIE LAMB, aliases Charles C. Land, J. L. Wilson, R. L. Stevens, F. S. Cooks, C. E. Black, bogus and forged check operator, has been sentenced to the Texas State Penitentiary. Five years' term dates from January 4, 1917.

LOUIS LANTZY. A member at Cresson, Pa., reports the operations of one Louis Lantzy, alias A. A. West, etc. They declare that he operated against one of their customers with bogus check on the Peoples National Bank, Jeanette, Pa., bearing a forged certification of that bank, worded, "Good when properly indorsed, S. H. Smythe, Ass't Cashier." The Cresson member further declares that two checks on their form purporting to bear their certification have been received at their bank. They are by the same operator. Lantzy, alias West, alias Read, McCormack, M. P. Woodland, Corimons, has operated throughout the western part of Pennsylvania. No banks have been victimized.

C. LYNN, alleged to be known also as C. M. Lynn, J. Lynn, D. M. O'Neal, is said to be operating against hotels throughout California with worthless checks on the San Jose Safe Deposit Bank, Cal. He is 25 years, 6 feet, 190 pounds.

ZEAK MEREDITH, forger, is reported by a member at Crowell, Tex. Warrant is held by sheriff at Crowell for Meredith's arrest. He is 20 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds.

MARTIN MURPHY, February 12, was arrested at Chicago, Ill., charged with victimizing numerous local merchants by negotiating bogus checks on the Fort Dearborn National, Chicago.

L. A. PETERSON, who has used also the names P. O. Lewis, E. A. Louis, is drawing worthless checks on the Scandinavian-American National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. He claims connections with the American Sales Book Co., Minneapolis. He is 35 years; 6 feet, 175 pounds.

STANLEY PHILIPS, who claims to represent the American Rug, Los Angeles, is alleged to have defrauded a member in Alturas, Cal., by forging indorsement to a check issued by the American Rug Co. Philips claimed to be taking orders for the company and succeeded in getting a number of payments on account from people he solicited for orders. The company claims Philips had no authority to take orders or to sign its name to checks.

J. PINKS, 52, known also as Julius Pinkoffsky, who has passed many worthless checks at Boston, Mass., and vicinity, was recently arrested at Boston and returned to Rutland, Vt. He has been sentenced to the House of Correction at Rutland.

D. HENRY RATCLIFFE, alias Hewitt Ratcliffe, has been arrested by the authorities of Cleveland, Ohio,

following his endeavors to defraud two local merchants by negotiating bogus checks. Our agents informed the authorities of Ratcliffe's operations some time past at Atlanta and Savannah, Ga. Ratcliffe's mother is fighting for his release, claiming that he is of unsound mind.

DR. GEO. W. SCHROER, dentist, of St. Louis, Mo., is alleged to have victimized a local department store by forged check. He is 40 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 155 pounds.

RAYMOND O. SELLERS, alias H. A. Bennett, 21, is cashing bogus checks throughout Denver, Colo., drawn on local banks. He is 5 feet 3 inches, 140 pounds.



M. GEORGE SHERMAN

M. GEORGE SHERMAN has victimized several merchants of New York City by passing bogus checks. In one operation he used check on the Colonial Bank, New York, N. Y.

F. L. TOUSLEY is reported by a member at Ness City, Kan., as having mortgaged them property, later selling a portion and departing from the vicinity.

F. W. ZEIGLER is reported by a member at Bronwood, Ga. They declare he is a tobacco culturist and demonstrator and has "run away" with mortgaged property of a customer. He left Bronwood in a mortgaged Ford car, motor No. 492601—1914 model, member alleges. The Farmers Bank, Bronwood offers suitable reward for Zeigler's arrest and detention. He is 40 to 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds.

## ARRESTED

### LOCKED GUN SPOILS PLANS

Two men who attempt to rob Lockport bank are captured after chase

Just as they were were about to pounce upon the bank's gold, the gun of one of the robbers locked. The other man became frightened at the predicament of his pal, they took to their heels and the bank was saved. According to information received from the First National Bank, Lockport, Ill., an attempt was made by two men to rob their institution on February 16. The men came into the bank with drawn revolvers and commanded the clerks to throw up their hands. Because the clerks were slow in following the command, the hold-up men pulled the triggers. Seven or eight shots were fired. Just then one of the rob-

ber's guns became silenced. He scrutinized it hastily. His pal became frightened and broke for the door. An auto chase of twelve miles followed, in which the hold-up men were captured and lodged in jail at Joliet. No employee of the bank was injured, no funds were touched by the two men. The latter gave the names of Frank Allen and Thomas Murray. Bank attaches, particularly C. H. Muchenpfordt, cashier, figured prominently in the capture.

## ENGLISH "NOBLEMAN" JAILED

Professional operator who victimized two members at Los Angeles falls in arrest at Fort Worth

A well-dressed, well-voiced, distinguished-appearing individual was recently taken into custody at Fort Worth, Tex. He desired to have it understood that he was no less a personage than the Earl of Wickshire, England, having just fallen heir to the earldom. The officers preferred to impress him with the fact they knew him as a national check swindler. Under the names David G. Beeching and Thomas Leonard, this man operated against two members of Los Angeles during January. His method was to open an account, get the confidence of the officials, eventually deposit a forged check of large amount, draw against it and flee. At one bank his forged checks were drawn on the Greenwich Bank, Herald Square Branch, New York, and the Louisiana National, Baton Rouge, La. He posed in this instance as an inventor. At the other bank his forged check was drawn by the Home National, Arkansas City, Kan., on the National Park, New York. It is alleged that the prisoner finally confessed to his captors. He admitted having secured victims at Purcell, Okla., Denver, San Francisco, New York. It declared that he printed every check he passed, also his letterheads, etc. Dyes, type, stamps, drafts were taken out of his possession. Letters were uncovered, supposed to have been written to him by Lattsey and Hart, London attorneys, advising Leonard that he had just fallen heir to the Earldom of Wickshire, a large estate in Suffolk County; that it carried with it a colonelcy in the English army. The letter terminated with a declaration that draft for £500 was enclosed, which amount would be deducted from the estate. Title and estate are not listed in Burke's Peerage. This letter would be the Earl's trump card in his endeavor to have the note cashed. He agreed to return with the officers to Los Angeles. It is said that he has used also the names: John Collins, John L. Collins, George B. Gordon, Edward P. Garson, Guy D. Granger, Ernest Corlsen, William Foster, John S. Stringer, Edward Chandler, Charles H. Douglas, William Nugent and Edward McLain.

## SIX EL PASO ROBBERS TAKEN

Men who secured \$1,764 from Arkansas bank are speedily arrested. Agents secure important confession from one

On February 12, the Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Ark., was held up and robbed by two men; \$1,764.86 was taken. As soon as the cashier liberated himself



from the vault, where the two men had forced him, the alarm was spread and a posse started in pursuit. A representative of our detective agents arrived upon the scene and put the case immediately under investigation. He learned that while the bank was being robbed one H. P. Jenkins and Sid Quattlebaum, local characters, had gone into the two stores that face the bank and succeeded in keeping the attention of their proprietors to such an extent that the proprietors did not see the hold-up men enter the bank. The representative immediately left for the home of Sid Quattlebaum and when arrived there he met the bank cashier and posse, who had followed bloodhounds put on the trail. The men had under arrest one Jim Stone, a brother-in-law to Sid Quattlebaum and Arthur Quattlebaum, brother to Sid. Stone related to the investigator that on the night of February 11, both he and Arthur Quattlebaum had been to Sid's unoccupied house and slept. Williams and members of the posse searched the house in question and beneath the stove found some horsehair, wax and a pair of scissors. On February 16, John Quattlebaum was arrested by Sheriff Plant. On this same day our agent secured a confession from Jim Stone, in which he (Stone) declared that Sid, John and Arthur Quattlebaum, also one Doc Lemons and Harold Jenkins had planned and operated this hold-up and robbery. It was arranged that Lemons and Sid were to enter the bank while John Quattlebaum and Harold Jenkins stood watch. Arthur Quattlebaum was to hold a buggy and horse in readiness back of the bank for the getaway. The men had mustaches made of horsehair, one white, one black and the other gray. They used these to help hide their identity. On February 14, Jim Quattlebaum walked into El Paso and placed himself in the sheriff's custody. On this same day Harold Jenkins was apprehended by Sheriff Plant. Two days later John Quattlebaum was arrested by the sheriff. On February 17, through information given in Stone's confession to our agent, Lemons was located at Heber Springs, Ark., and his arrest effected. This brought the local jail doors down upon each man who was instrumental or involved in the crime against the El Paso bank.

CLARENCE ADAMS, February 5, was arrested at Denver, Colo., by our agents and local authorities. This in behalf of a Denver member whom Adams had endeavored to victimize. He had presented at the bank passbook of a depositor which he (Adams) had stolen, attempting to draw funds.

J. W. BAKER, who, it is alleged, while employed by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., Vicksburg, Miss., sold a policy which was paid for by a \$143 check, forged the company's indorsement to it, cashed it, thereby causing loss to a Vicksburg member, was, on January 19, arrested at New Orleans, La., by our agents and the local authorities.

OSCAR BARTHEL, 23, who is believed to be the individual that recently presented at a Los Angeles member bank a savings withdrawal receipt bearing the forged signature of a depositor and receiving the sum of money called for, was on January 18 arrested at

Los Angeles, Cal., by the police, through information furnished by our agents. The depositor in question has related that he rescued Barthel from the streets by allowing him to share his room. The former stayed with the depositor for several days, then left without notice or word of appreciation. Shortly thereafter the depositor sought his bank book. It could not be found. When he proceeded to the bank they exhibited to him the withdrawal receipt, which he branded as a forgery. Barthel is also wanted by the city probation officer. He is 5 feet 9½ inches, 145 pounds. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in financing an investigation of this case.



ELI BRIGGS

ELI BRIGGS, in May, 1915, was arrested at Philadelphia by our agents on a member's charge. He was sentenced to the Easton, Pa., Penitentiary. When the day on which Briggs, who is known also as E. T. Freeman, E. T. Greeman, and Geo. W. Wetmore, was to be released an officer of Camden, N. J., brought up at the prison. As Briggs passed out he walked into the officer's arms. The trip to Camden started. Briggs, while his bank swindling crusade was flourishing in 1915, caught a member at Camden. He had visited the bank on Saturday afternoon, a few moments before closing time, and presented a \$65 check on a Bryn Mawr, Pa., bank. A telegram had been received purporting to come from the Bryn Mawr bank, stating Briggs had money there to cover the check. This was considered sufficient. No investigation could be made because the Pennsylvania bank was closed. On the following Monday it was learned that he not only had no funds at that bank, but the telegram had been sent by himself from a place near Bryn Mawr. He has pleaded guilty at Camden. Is 24 years, 5 feet 3¾ inches, 147 pounds. Bertillon: 73.7, 90.0, 91.1, 19.4, 15.2, 13.8, 6.8, 28.2, 12.9, 9.8, 50.7. June, 1915, Journal supplement, page 1038.

OTTO F. BRODER. A member at Detroit, Mich., recently reported a loss by forgery to our agents. The circumstances were that an individual residing at a boarding house in Detroit and employed at a nearby auto factory had failed to receive his pay check. He reported this fact to his employers, who ascertained that the check in question was cashed at the Detroit bank. The indorsement was pronounced a forgery. Following this, our agents practically closed a net of evidence about one Otto F. Broder, a boarder at the same house as the factory employee.

In the course of a search they uncovered in Broder's room a nail file, freshly broken at the end. Proceeding then to the employee's letterbox, their anticipations were rewarded by finding the end of the nail file. It was apparent that Broder had used this instrument to extract the mail from the box and had broken the end in his endeavor. Our agents and the local authorities arrested Broder on January 24 at Detroit. He confessed to stealing the letter by the aid of the nail file, which he declared snapped unexpectedly, and then by forging the owner's indorsement.

RAYMOND COLLINS, who has served time in Huntington, W. Va., for burglary, on January 18 was arrested at Chicago, Ill., following an attempt to defraud a local bank in the cashing of a forged check. Teller was able to recognize the forgery at once; notified the authorities and ordered the arrest of Collins. The latter declares that one Leon Ksycki had given him the check and that it was a joint attempt to victimize. Collins is 19 years, 5 feet, 6½ inches, 112 pounds. Ksycki is 24 years, 5 feet, 9 inches, 148 pounds. He is wanted also as a parole violator, Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory.

HERMAN DULANY. Taking advantage of a life-long friendship with an official of a member at Florissant, Mo., Herman Dulany defrauded that bank by means of a worthless check for \$100, drawn on the First National, Detroit, Mich. Dulany is 25 years, 5 feet, 6 inches, 135 pounds, has gray eyes and brown hair. He was arrested at Dahlgreen, Ill., February 14, by our agents and the local constable.

*Herman Dulany*

L. G. DICKINSON and J. B. DICKINSON, who have victimized a member at Hinton, Okla., are arrested. The bank declares that the men came to Hinton, one contracting for a local newspaper, the other a moving picture theatre, opened an account at the bank with a check on the Citizens Exchange Bank, Troy, Tex., and proceeded to draw against it. Unexpectedly, for the bank and local individuals, the Dickinsons left Hinton. Their check was bogus. Our agents took up the trail. On January 20, at Tallhina, Okla., the police captured J. B., by aid of a member. Our agents on February 7 located L. G. at Dallas, Tex., and caused his arrest.

JOSEPH ELLIS EISLER, who is known also as Joseph Ellis, who was arrested on January 29 by our agents and the authorities of New York, N. Y. Ellis put to loss a local bank member by opening an account, getting the confidence of the officials and eventually depositing a bogus check and drawing against it. One GLADYS MILLION was also taken into custody in this case, she having confessed to writing the check. Is 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 170 pounds, of stocky build; dresses attractively.



ELI S. ELDREDGE

ELI S. ELDREDGE, who was arrested in Philadelphia, Pa., February 1 by our detective agents, is held in \$1,500 bail. Eldredge succeeded in defrauding two Philadelphia member banks and numerous individuals in and near Philadelphia by bogus checks. Eldredge is famous throughout the country as "the champion long-distance walker of the world," holding records for walks from San Francisco to Boston, and from New York to Philadelphia.

JULIUS GARDEN. Due to the persistent and commendable efforts of Mr. O. C. Burns, stockholder in the First National Bank, Heavener, Okla., the arrest of Julius Garden has been brought about. Garden, with four others, on December 27, 1915, it is alleged, held up and robbed the First National of \$7,800. Mr. Burns, through his own interests at once put this case under investigation, and it was not long before four of the five men had been properly jailed, thanks to the work of Mr. Burns. However, the fifth man, Julius Garden, was proving a more elusive prey. For more than a year Mr. Burns strove to bring about the latter's arrest and it was not until January 31, 1917, that he was enabled to locate Garden and prompt him to surrender. Our agents and local police officers were also actively joined in the conduction of this investigation.

C. C. GILLETTE, 32, who has conducted business at Bridgeport, Conn., for years past as optician, was on January 25 arrested by authorities of Bridgeport. It is alleged that Gillette succeeded in victimizing a Bridgeport member by cashing an \$800 check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 5 feet 11 inches, 190 pounds.

ROBERT GORE, who lives at the fork of Pawn and Jack Creeks, W. Va., was, on January 26, arrested at his home by our agents and the authorities of Madison, W. Va. It is believed that Gore is responsible for the defrauding of a Madison bank by forged check. Offense was perpetrated during November, 1915. He has been returned to Madison.

F. H. HARRISOHN, termed the "insurance swindler," has been arrested at Calexico, Cal. The local police, upon information furnished by our agents, were able to bring about this desired action. During December, 1916, Harrisohn was given by the Mutual

Life Insurance Co., Los Angeles, a contract to work on a commission basis. He went to Santa Barbara and soon had the confidence of local banks. Eventually at one he was successful in cashing a draft on the Mutual. After he had left town it was learned that he had no authority to draw. The bank was defrauded. Our agents took up the trail and traced Harrisohn to Calexico. He is 35 years, 6 feet, 220 pounds; evidently a German Hebrew. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this association in the financing of this investigation.



SOL HARF

SOL HARF, alias Albert Stein, who has victimized a member at New York, N. Y., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on February 3 arrested at New York City by our agents and local authorities. He is 21 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 115 pounds.

WILL JOHNSON, negro, who has defrauded a member at Dallas, Tex., in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on January 6 arrested at Dallas, Tex., by the assistant cashier of the bank he had victimized. He is 26 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 145 pounds.

SAM KEYS, negro, was taken into custody on January 18 at Dallas, Tex., by our agents and local officers. He was suspected of being the party who had defrauded a local member by cashing checks to which he had forged depositors' signatures. He confessed to the police. Is 36 years, 6 feet 3 inches, 210 pounds.

T. W. KISCO, Japanese, who has put to loss a member at St. Louis, Mo., in the cashing of a check to which he forged a depositor's signature, was on February 4 arrested at Chicago, Ill., charged with larceny.

CARL LAFFERTY, who has used the name of Frank Stewart, January 12 was arrested at Spokane, Wash., while endeavoring to pass a forged check. Lafferty confessed also to having victimized a local member in the cashing of a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 21 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build.

J. L. LATHAM, of Birmingham, Ala., who has secured victims at Birmingham and Atlanta, Ga., by aid of checks on the Newman Banking Co., Newman, Ga., which he had printed for the purpose of swindling, was arrested at New Orleans, La., January 27,

by the local police. He had eight of his "certified" checks on his person and a rubber stamp reading "Newman Bank-Check guaranteed." He also used the names of A. L. Latham, Arthur Latham, Charles P. Coles. He is 23 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds; appearance of a laborer. This man has since been identified by our agents as W. R. Meriwether, alias T. W. Saxon, alias W. Saxon, alias George McDonald, who has operated with worthless drafts, purporting to have been issued by the Bank of Herrington, Kan., on the Fidelity Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. His very extensive operations listed a member at Hartshorne, Okla. He is now held at Birmingham and will be returned to Hartshorne.

N. A. MAIN, wanted by a member at Sioux City, Ia., for the passing of a bogus check, was on January 20 arrested at Oskaloosa, Ia., by the local authorities. He was held two days pending his return to Sioux City, but released on habeas corpus proceedings. He is now at liberty and sought.

As quoted in a previous article under this heading, the arrests of SID QUATTLEBAUM, JOHN QUATTLEBAUM, ARTHUR QUATTLEBAUM, JIM STONE, H. P. JENKINS and DOC LEMONS, have been secured in connection with the hold-up and robbery of the Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Ark.

ABRAHAM REAL, known also as Abraham Riel, Henry Krug and Harry King, who has swindled a member at Philadelphia, Pa., by a \$367 forged check, was on January 11 arrested at Philadelphia by our agents and the local authorities. He is 25 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds; high cheekbones; glasses.



LOTTIE M. REED

LOTTIE M. REED. February 6 a member bank at Portland, Ore., reported to our agents that they had been defrauded by one Lottie M. Reed, who had operated with forged checks presented at a member bank at Spokane, Wash. On February 7 our agents and sheriff at Spokane located this woman and she is being held in the Spokane County jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from Portland, where she will be returned for trial. She is 18 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 197 pounds.

BOSMAN ROGERS. Following an attempt to secure funds by forged telegram from a member at Webb City, Mo., a man giving this name was arrested January 19 at Kansas City, Mo., by our agents and local

detectives. He had signed the name H. P. Hart, customer of the bank, requesting wire of \$50, waiving identification. He will be returned and prosecuted at Kansas City. He is 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; claimed to hail from El Paso, Tex.

FRANK ROSIN, who has fleeced a member at Chicago by drawing \$82 on the stolen passbook of a depositor, was on January 27 arrested at Chicago by local officers. He is 24 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, very dark; claims to be of Indian blood.

HOWARD WADE SHEPARD, who has victimized a member at Tulsa, Okla., by depositing a bogus check and drawing against it to the extent of \$143.63, was arrested February 14 at Minneapolis, Minn., by our agents and local authorities. Shepard was located at a hotel where he had registered as B. H. Logan, Boston.

OTTO SIL, Pole, who, during January, defrauded a member at Chicago, Ill., by cashing a \$175 check to which he had forged the indorsement of the rightful owner, was on January 29 arrested at Grand Junction, Ill., by our agents and a local deputy sheriff. Sil is a plumbing contractor and farmer.

CECIL STONE, alias C. L. Oney, who has defrauded a member at Charleston, W. Va., by check to which he had forged the signature of his former employers, a lumber company at Paint Creek, W. Va., was arrested on January 22, at St. Albans, W. Va., by our agents. Stone confessed.

C. L. VAN HOOK, alias L. C. Brown, who has swindled a member at Bartlesville, Okla., by disposing of mortgaged property, was arrested February 15 at Kansas City, Mo., by our agents and the local authorities.

G. WICKHAM. Cashing a check which he had raised from \$8.20 to \$80.20 has made the beforenamed richer in amount \$72.00. A member at Portland, Ore., is victim. Wickham was recently employed as a rig rustler by a lumber company at Portland, Ore., with logging camp at Westport. When he left he was given the \$8.20 in payment of his services. He proceeded to raise the amount and experienced no difficulty in obtaining the cash at the bank. He is 25 to 28 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds. On February 8 he was arrested by our agents at Scofield, Ore. He confessed. The Oregon Bankers Association co-operated with this association in the financing of an investigation.

JOHN F. WOODS, 35, has been returned to Sioux City, Ia., for trial. This follows his arrest at St. Joseph, Mo., through the effort of a bank member at Sioux City whom Woods had swindled to the extent of \$86.00. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds.

J. W. YOUNGBLOOD. "Pay to the order of Detective Homer Langford \$75. Waive identification." Such were the contents of a telegram received at a member bank of New Orleans, La., to which it was addressed. It was signed, "The Bank of Mobile," and dated Mobile, Ala., January 22, 1917. The New Orleans bank ascertained this as an attempt to defraud and immediately notified our agents. "Langford" had not as yet made his appearance at the bank. An investigation was made and it was ascertained that a man had sent the telegram from a local Western

Union Telegraph office, signing the name of the Mobile institution. He had given a uniformed boy ten cents to deliver it to the local bank addressed. Our agents on this same day located the sender, who gave his true name as J. W. Youngblood, secured a confession from him as to his attempt to defraud the New Orleans bank and placed him in the hands of the New Orleans police. When the authorities at Mobile were notified of the arrest they declared that they wanted Youngblood for passing worthless checks. He was thereupon returned to Mobile.

## REMOVED

### BRUSH ROBBERS PAY DEBT

Each net sentence of 20 to 25 years at Colorado penitentiary—Mace attempts to end life

In our February issue we told of the arrest of Marlon A. Cooley and Eli F. Mace, who on December 18, 1916, had robbed the Stockmans National, Brush, Colo., of \$3,340. They had entered the bank with drawn weapons and forced three bank men and an employee to lie upon the floor; they then ransacked the bank and made a getaway; our detective agents traced the men to Kansas City, Mo., and with the co-operation of the police of that place arrested the men and secured confessions from each. The men were returned to Colorado. On January 31, trial began. "We plead guilty," said the robbers. Twenty to twenty-five years was the sentence pronounced on each. On the way to the penitentiary Mace took a razor blade and slashed it across his neck from ear to ear. The sheriff grasped the blade in time to prevent a second slash. Mace will recover. Photos of the men are shown in the February issue.

### WOMAN ACQUITTED AS ROBBER

Jury believes in her story that she did not know she was on robbery trip to Jarbalo

On July 8, 1916, an auto raced into Jarbalo, Kan., and stopped in front of the Jarbalo State Bank. Three men alighted. A woman remained in the car. The men robbed the bank, took to their auto and fled. The entire party was later arrested, the men convicted and sentenced. February 7, the case against the woman, Bertha Trowbridge, alias Mrs. Evans, was considered by the jury. They brought in a verdict of acquittal. Her story that she did not know she was on a robbery trip with the men was accepted.

### WINSLOW ROBBERS SENTENCED

Two men who robbed Nebraska bank are given long prison terms

ALBERT L. ASSMAN and THOMAS COLCORD, who, on December 8, held up and robbed the Winslow State Bank, Winslow, Nebr., securing \$6,500, were on December 17 brought to trial. Assman was sentenced to serve 3 to 15 years and Colcord 3 to 10 years, Ne-



braska State Penitentiary. An article regarding their arrest, with photos, appears on page 123 of the February issue of the Journal supplement.

## HARVEY CASE SETTLED

GEORGE STUNKEL, who, with Frank Fumar and William J. Steed, held up and robbed the Bank of Harvey, Harvey, Ill., of \$80.30 on October 28, 1916, has been sentenced from one year to life in the Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill. Fumar and Steed, who turned states' evidence, secured immunity.

BRUNO AMATO, forgeries, October, 1916, plead 8, 30 days, Denver, Colo., Jail.

BRUNO AMATO, forgeries, October, 1916, pleads guilty, sentence suspended.

J. W. BAKER, alleged forgery, released.

EARL BARTON, hold-up and robbery, pleads guilty; paroled.

F. A. BRAUN, alias S. P. Bliss, forgeries; convicted, two years on each of two charges, Houston State Penitentiary.

W. J. CROWLEY, hold-up and robbery, plead guilty, paroled.

HERMAN DULANY, worthless check, February 13, 1 year parole.

LELAND I. GAY, forgery, January 30, convicted 1 year, Virginia State Penitentiary; later released on parole.

RAYMOND HEBERT, forgery, convicted; ordered by court to make restitution to defrauded bank.

JOHN HILL, alleged forgery, December 28, case dismissed by Grand Jury.

WILL JOHNSON, alias J. E. Washington, forgery, February 5, plead guilty, 5 years, Texas State Penitentiary.

L. W. KELLY, forged letter of credit, released.

SAM KEYS, forgery, February 6, plead guilty 3 years' suspended sentence.

CARL LAFFERTY, forgery, plead guilty, January 17, 1 to 15 years, Washington State Reformatory.

N. A. MAIN, bogus check, released; habeas corpus proceedings.

A. J. MILLER, alias C. F. Meyers, alias F. E. Malone, alleged forgeries, case dismissed.

SONNEY POWELL, forgery, escaped jail at Sapula, Okla., while awaiting trial.

FRANK ROSIN, forgery, January 20, 6 months, Chicago, Ill., House of Correction.

HENRY SAMUELSON, forgery, plead guilty, February 9, 2 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

MRS. E. W. SIMMS, worthless check, paroled to relative in Georgia.

TOM TANNUS, alias Herman Madison, Jr., alias Walter D. Kerrigan, Jr., forgery, January 31, plead guilty, indeterminate term, Pontiac, Ill., reformatory.

C. T. WILEMAN, forgeries (two counts) convicted; 2 years each count, Texas State Penitentiary.

## AWAITING ACTION

### ALLEGED FORGERS AND SWINDLERS

Armstrong, Jack, forgery, Ennis, Tex.

Bachrack, Morris, forgery, Wilks-Barre, Pa.

Barthel, Oscar, forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.

Beeching, David G., forged checks, Los Angeles, Cal.

Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.

Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.

Bloomington, William C., forgery, Lemoore, Cal.

Bowers, Alcide, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.

Briggs, Eli, forgery, Camden, N. J.

Broder, Otto F., forgery, Detroit, Mich.

Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.

Burnell, Frank, mortgage swindle, Junction City, Kan.

Busby, Joe, mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.

Carroll, M. A., bogus checks, Omaha, Neb.

Chisholm, Frank, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Clark, Josephine, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Clemmens, Mrs. C. L., forgery, Okmulgee, Okla.

Cohenour, R. V., raised check, Alderson, W. Va.

Collins, Raymond, forgery, Chicago, Ill.

Cragin, George, forgeries, Boston, Mass.

Dabney, C. W., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Davis, Harvie A., bogus check, Portland, Me.

Davis, L. S., swindle, Canton, Miss.

Desmond, J. H., forged telegram, Henrietta, Tex.

Dickinson, J. B., bogus check, Hinton, Okla.

Dickinson, L. G., bogus check, Hinton, Okla.

Dodson, C. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.

East, Clarence, forgery, Nardin, Okla.

Elsler, Joseph Ellis, bogus check, New York, N. Y.

Eldredge, Eli S., bogus check, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.

Gillette, C. C., forgery, Bridgeport, Conn.

Goffney, Will, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.

Good, F. C., forgery, Oakland, Cal.

Goodwin, J. D., forgery, Oakland, Cal.

Gore, Robert, forgery, Madison, W. Va.

Gray, M. S., bogus draft, Sugarland, Tex.

Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.

Grimes, Walter R., forgery, Brownsville, Tex.

Guggenheim, Mannie, worthless check, Pueblo, Colo.

Hadley, Albert, forgery, Eugene, Ore.

Hardy, W. J., swindle, Portland, Ore.

Harf, Sol, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Harmon, Frank, forgery, Houston, Tex.

Harrisohn, F. H., swindle, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Hateley, James C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.

Johnson, Abraham, bogus check, McLeansboro, Ill.

Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.

Jones, Edward E., forgery, El Paso, Tex.

Jones, Mary, forgery, Galveston, Tex.

Judge, Johnnie, forgery, Rock Hill, S. C.

Kinkade, Bert J., forgery, Pocatello, Idaho.

Kisco, T. W., forgery, St. Louis, Mo.

Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.

Lacovara, Carmine, forgery, New York, N. Y.

Langner, Mollie, swindle, Cleveland, Ohio.

Lathan, J. L., forgery, Hartshorne, Okla.

Lewis, Charley, forgery, Marshall, Mo.

Loehrs, Bernard, bogus check, Asbury Park, N. J.

McConnell, Ruel T., worthless drafts, Hattiesburg, Miss.

McQueen, Ed., forgery, Houston, Tex.

Markowitz, Elias, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 May, W. J., raised check, Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Million, Gladys, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Murphy, Edward V. forgery, Washington D. C.  
 Offner, Marie, forgery, Denver, Colo.  
 Osborne, Clarence, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.  
 Peterson, Lawrence, forgery, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Pritchard, R. E., mortgage swindle, Haskell, Okla.  
 Ragain, Fred, forgery, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Real, Abraham, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Reed, Lottie M., forgery, Portland, Ore.  
 Rhyme, Amanda, forgery, Floral City, Fla.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Ritter, Alfred Charles, bogus check, Independence, Mo.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rogers, Bosman, forgery, Webb City, Mo.  
 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Settle, William, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.  
 Shepard, Howard Wade, bogus check, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Shuter, James, bogus checks, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Sil, Otto, forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 Silva, Frank, forgery, South San Francisco, Cal.  
 Sisco, Maurice, forgery, Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Smith, A. B., forgery, Livingston, Cal.  
 Smith, Huntington, forgery, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Socwell, Wm. H., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Stone, Cecil, forgery, Charleston, W. Va.  
 Storey, Luther, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Stout, Samuel, forgery, Parkersburg, W. Va.  
 Tiley, E. L., bogus check, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Tomalo, Jan, forgery, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Valcano, William, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Van Hook, C. L., mortgage swindle, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Ward, Erret, forged draft, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 Washington, Dennis, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.  
 West, Ralph, forgery, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Wickham, G., raised check, Portland, Ore.  
 Williams, Albertha, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Williams, Jack, forgery, Kansas City, Mo.

Woods, John F., swindle, Sioux City, Ia.  
 Youngblood, J. W., forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Zinaman, Irving, forgery, New York, N. Y.

#### BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Alderman, Hugh, hold-up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Allen, Frank, attempted robbery, Lockport, Ill.  
 Ashley, John, hold-up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Bergens, J. W., robbery and murder, Point, Tex.  
 Carruthers, Andy, alleged robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Close, Rea, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Dusky, Frank, robbery, Harvey, Ill.  
 Garden, Julius, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Jenkins, H. P., robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 King, Norval S., hold up, Englewood, Colo.  
 Lemons, Doc, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Littrell, Jess, hold-up, Harrah, Okla.  
 McKinney, Calvin, robbery, Crowder, Okla.  
 Marvin, Harold, robbery, Oronogo, Mo.  
 Murray, Thomas, attempted robbery, Lockport, Ill.  
 Quattlebaum, Arthur, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Quattlebaum, John, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Quattlebaum, Sid, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Rankin, Charles, hold-up and robbery, Boswell, Okla.  
 Rice, Frank, hold-up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Smith, Frank, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Stone, Jim, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Whittenberg, Ray, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting Trial, August 31, 1916	Arrested Since August 31, 1916	Arrests in February, 1917	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive Escaped, Insane, or Died	Awaiting Trial.
Forgers .....	99	129	34	164	106	37	9	110
Hold-up robbers	14	29	9	38	22	6	1	23
	113	164	43	308	130	47	10	133

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SECTION TWO

## PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

### OFFICES OF THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM.—Brown-Marx Building.  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Bldg.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Sears, c/o Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exch. Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—White Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, A. B. Cooper, 908 Colcord Building.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeeb Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.

PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.  
RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Special Representative, M. W. Williams, 1032 Forrest Avenue.  
TEXAS, DALLAS.—Special Representative, P. R. Schumacher, 601 Young Street.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Realty Building.  
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—Special Representative, Wm. Duffy, 534 South 2nd East Street.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. O. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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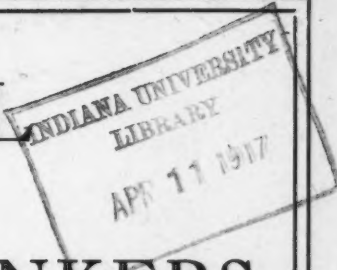
CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## MARCH PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### FOREIGNER "BEATS" CHICAGO BANK

Bank's error, coupled with forger's boldness, renders bank loser of \$300

A rigid investigation by our agents is under way at Chicago, Ill., to produce the arrest of one John Kucharsky, Pole, who on December, 30 fleeced a local member out of \$300 by a bogus check bearing the forged "O. K." of one of the bank officials. On December 27, Kucharsky called at the bank and stated a desire to open a checking account. He was referred to the assistant cashier and an account with \$125 in cash was started. He was given a book of checks, signed a receipt for them, and left. Next morning he presented a \$25 check to the savings account paying teller. Inasmuch as he was a stranger to the latter, he was obliged to get the "O. K." of the bank's assistant cashier. Again a day later Kucharsky came along with another check, \$100, he was recognized, and received the money without question. This cleaned out his amount on deposit. Nevertheless on December 30, he came into the bank and handed in at the savings account window a check of \$300. It was Saturday. No doubt Kucharsky had realized that the bank's business would consequently be heavy on this day. The teller compared the signatures. They agreed. "Is Kucharsky's account good for three hundred?" he called to the bookkeeper. He had failed to state Kucharsky's initials. The bookkeeper, believing that he referred to another depositor of name sounding similar, declared that it was. The teller again looked at Kucharsky's check. It bore the supposed "O. K." of the assistant cashier. He cashed it. Later when the check passed to the latter official he pronounced his "O. K." a forgery. Kucharsky's check was bogus—the bank was victimized \$300. Kucharsky gave his business as real estate and insurance. He is Polish or Polish Hebrew, 35 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 180 pounds, stout; has full round face; speaks little English.

#### "ARMY LIEUTENANT" IS SWINDLER

Has passed several bogus checks at Chicago drawn against non-existent bank at Washington

Chicago, Ill., has been visited by a bogus check swindler who represented himself as a lieutenant of the United States Army. Hotels, merchants, and a member bank have become his victims. At the bank he presented himself as Lieutenant W. H. Savage, con-

nected with the Ordnance Department. He related that he had been instructed by his superior officer to report for duty at once to the commanding officer at St. Paul, Minn. To verify this, he exhibited what purported to be a War Department order to that effect. He also showed a marriage certificate and pointed to a woman seated in the bank, stating that she was his wife and that they were on their honeymoon. He then extended a check on the "Army and Navy Bank, Washington, D. C." No such bank exists. This fellow has used also the names Lieut. Archer, G. Harrison, Lieut. Monroe, Lieut. John B. Comer. A warrant is held for his arrest. He is 29 years, 6 feet, 150 pounds, of slim build. Those who have observed his actions declare that he does not carry himself as an army man, being "slouchy."

#### CHECKS PRINTED WITHOUT AUTHORITY

Individual who displays letter of instructions on paper of Oregon bank endeavors to have printed supply of drafts and checks

The endeavors of a stranger to "have his trunk loaded down" with checks and drafts on the Roseburg National Bank, Roseburg, Ore., was thwarted recently by a cautious printer at St. Louis, Mo. Representing himself as Mr. Hamilton, son of J. W. Hamilton, president of the Roseburg Bank, a party during late December entered the printer's establishment and exhibited a letter. It was on the printed letter-head of the Oregon bank, signed J. W. Hamilton and contained instructions that while in St. Louis, Hamilton should call on this printer and place an order for three thousand drafts and two thousand cashier's checks for the Bank of Roseburg. The printer agreed to accept the order and stated a date on which they would be completed. Incidentally the latter remarked that he would write a letter to Hamilton's father acknowledging the order. At this Hamilton very promptly replied that such action was unnecessary inasmuch as he would notify his father in a wire he was to direct that evening. This statement excited the printer's suspicion. He wired the Bank of Roseburg and a reply was received that Hamilton was not known and had no authority to proceed as he had. Our agents were notified and awaited the return of Hamilton for the drafts and checks. He failed to show up. It is certain that he intended to use the drafts and checks in no legitimate way.



H. G. ADAMS, while recently employed on a commission basis as a piano salesman, was given a cashier's check of \$1500 made payable to his agent on a member bank in Texas near Dallas. He proceeded to forge the owner's indorsement and cashed the check at the Texas bank. He has lived with his wife at Dallas, Tex., for some time. Is believed to have gone to New York. Is 47 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 154 pounds; has dark brown hair (bald top); squints; fond of chewing cigars.

CLAUDE C. BALLARD, known also as C. C. Ballard, Oscar Swanson, Jacob H. Pruesner, E. C. Arlington, has put to loss a member at Manchester, Iowa. This bank cashed for Ballard a check drawn on the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, which was declared bogus. He is said to be wanted also by the police at Lake Geneva, Wis. Ballard is an excessive drinker of intoxicating liquors. He is 38 years, 6 feet, 185 pounds, of good build. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association by financing an investigation of the case.

H. C. BENNETT has put to loss a member at Bixby, Okla., by raising a check of \$11 given to him by a depositor to \$22, on which the bank paid. He also forged his employer's signature to a \$38.25 check and had no difficulty in passing it. Bennett had been acting as driver near Tulsa, Okla.

R. L. BROWNE has fleeced a member at Purvis, Miss., by bogus draft. On February 10, he came to Purvis to attend a meeting of cattlemen. Browne claimed that he was a breeder of Herford cattle; that for fourteen years he had been live stock agent for the Illinois Central Railroad; that he recently took a contract from the American representative of the Italian Government for the purchase of small mules in southwest Missouri. He made a good impression at Purvis and when he finally related that he had lost his purse and all its cash, the bank in question delayed not a second in cashing his draft on the Boone County Trust Co., Columbia, Mo. It was returned. Browne is 38 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds, of florid complexion; has brown eyes and hair.



GEORGE C. CAMERON.

GEORGE C. CAMERON, on January 1, 1916, opened an account with a member in New Jersey

*George C. Cameron*

near New York City. He gave his place of employment as the Dupont Powder Works, and his residence, Haskell, N. J. He carried for some time a very desirable account and succeeded in obtaining the respect of the bank. On March 1, 1917, he deposited a check for \$1500 on the Marine National Bank, Buffalo, N. Y., by J. W. Eaton. Two days later he drew out \$600 by a bearer check. Also purchased a diamond ring of a local jeweler with \$265 check on his account, which check the bank certified. Later he secured \$265 from the bank on another bearer check. The Marine National Bank, Buffalo, N. Y., pronounced his check by J. W. Eaton as utterly bogus. Cameron has recently come from a hospital and is pale with sunken cheeks. He is 38 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds; has brown hair, which he brushes well back; is smooth shaven, has a prominent nose.

ARTHUR COLE, negro, is sought by our agents for the defrauding of a member at Chicago, Ill., by worthless check drawn on the Solvent Savings Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn. He is 40 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, very dark.

*Arthur Cole*

J. C. CONNOLLY, alias M. C. McDermott, who speaks of having made \$300,000 in public land deals, has victimized a member at Oklahoma City, Okla. He opened an account with check on the Security National, Oklahoma City, and drew against it to the extent of \$60 before the bank had been notified that his check was bogus. Is 5 feet 10 inches, 150 to 160 pounds, of medium build. His check was signed M. C. McDermott.

ROBERT COOPER is wanted by a member at Oxnard, Cal. This man forged the signature of a depositor to two checks which he succeeded in passing at a shoe store in Los Angeles. The bank did not detect the forgeries when the checks came through in the regular way and paid them, thereby becoming loser. Cooper claimed to be from Oxnard and that he was connected with a sugar refinery or oil concern. He discussed conditions affecting Oxnard and readily convinced the store that he was from that place. Is 22 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds.

T. P. DEAVENPORT. A member at Jonesboro, Ark., February 17 wrote us as follows:

"This is to advise that a few days since Mr. T. P. Deavenport, who was a traveling salesman for the American Art Works, of Coshocton, Ohio, called, and after showing us his samples, persuaded us to cash a draft for \$25.00 upon the City National Bank of Dallas, Tex. This draft has been returned marked, 'No account.' We immediately wrote the American Art Works, of Coshocton, Ohio, and they state that

Mr. Deavenport is now not in their employ, that they have had his samples there for several days, and of course would not pay the draft."

TONY GLICK is sought by our agents in behalf of a member at Grafton, N. D. It is alleged that Glick raised a pay check of \$4.30 to \$40.30, and passed same at the bank in question. He is 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds; speaks German.

J. W. GRANT, alias J. W. Gray, of Ellwood City, Pa., has put to loss a local member by passing two checks to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer) signature. Warrant is held by Ellwood City authorities. He is 42 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of slender build; has a sandy mustache; is not neat in appearance.



PETER HALSETH

PETER HALSETH, alias Lars Grimstad, of Norway, who proclaims himself a wrestler and boxer, is wanted by a member at Madison, Wis., on a charge of cashing a \$75 bogus check to which he had forged a local responsible party's indorsement. From Joplin, Mo., comes the information that Halseth has a record as a forger, he having been sent some years ago from Joplin to the Missouri Penitentiary for this offense, also that he now has a wife and two children residing at Joplin. He is 30 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds.

JESSE HAMPTON has victimized a member at Bay Minette, Ala., by check bearing the forged signature of the Leach Construction Co., E. H. Leach, Pres. He is 5 feet 9 inches, 135 pounds, of slim build, has lean face, pointed chin. He is supposed to have operated also in many Alabama towns.

ASA C. HARKER, formerly a prosperous farmer and horse dealer of Paulsboro, N. J., is reported by a member in New Jersey near Philadelphia, Pa. It is declared that Harker for many years has been a very desirable customer of the Haddon Heights institution and has been advanced large sums of money on notes which he met promptly. Some time ago, however, Harker gave the bank three notes amounting to \$425 purporting to bear the signature of two local and responsible individuals. When the notes fell due, the latter were notified, but promptly branded their signatures appearing on the notes as forgeries. They

have received information that Harker is now in Ohio dealing in horses.

CHARLES F. HAYES, alias F. N. Haynes, has put to loss a member at Newton, Mass. Recently he came into this bank with one Harry F. Hayes, known to and respected by the Newton bank, and declared that he was uncle to Harry F. Hayes. The latter verified this statement. Charles F. then presented a check on the Citizens National, Woonsocket, R. I., payable to F. N. Haynes, signed Charles E. Bayson, and indorsed F. N. Haynes. He was asked to indorse the check, which he did, and the cash was turned over to him. The check was returned as bogus. Harry F. then declared that this was the first time he had seen his uncle in seventeen years, that he knew nothing about his habits or location previous to or following this incident. The bank must stand the loss.

A. L. HEINTZ is wanted by a member at Greeley, Colo., whom he defrauded by paying on three checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. The latter some time ago took compassion on Heintz because of his ill condition, and gave him employment. Heintz demonstrated his appreciation by forging his protector's name. Heintz in facial expression somewhat resembles Abraham Lincoln. He claims distant relation to the latter through his mother. His index finger, right hand, is off. Is 42 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds.

CHARLES JONES, chauffeur, has swindled a member at Richmond, Va., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer) signature. The belief is general that Jones has gone to Akron, Ohio, or vicinity, for employment. Is 23 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, smooth shaven; has light hair, gray or blue eyes. Wears a cap.

STEPHEN JUK, alias John Halstead, alias John Mittlestad, on February 23 opened an account at a Minneapolis, Minn., member bank by depositing a \$55 check on the Enderlin State Bank, Enderlin, N. D. A day later he endeavored to draw against this check but was refused. Enderlin pronounced his paper bogus. They report also that Juk has drawn many other checks against them which are equally spurious. Juk is 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds. Claims to have been born in Russia.

F. J. KODMAN has victimized a member at Spokane, Wash., by cashing a bogus check on the Exchange National, Spokane. The Chief of Police at this place holds warrant for Kodman on this charge. The latter is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; dressed as a farmhand or laborer.

*F. J. Kodman*

G. G. LARDNER has just fleeced two members of Seattle, Wash. Under the name of S. Boyd, he secured employment as bookkeeper at the establishment of the Seattle Commercial Agency. When he later failed to show up for work, his employers became suspicious and proceeded to check up their accounts.



G. G. LARDNER.

It was then learned that Boyd had forged the name of the treasurer to three checks on the two banks in which they carried their accounts. The bank tellers declared that it was customary for Boyd to present the company's checks and receive in return cashier's checks to be used by his employers in making remittances. Consequently, when he made his appearance with the checks that were later branded clever forgeries there was no hesitancy in turning over to him cashier checks to cover the amount of the checks he presented. The cashier's checks were made payable to apparent accomplices of Boyd's, the proceeds evidently being later "split." Boyd was not to be found at Seattle. Our agents succeeded in identifying Boyd as G. G. Lardner. An active and extensive search of our agents is now under way. Lardner, alias Boyd, is 31 years, 5 feet 8 1-2 inches, 160 pounds, of medium build, sallow complexion; has blue eyes, black hair; mole lobe right ear.

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J. E. LEWIS, alleged insurance agent, has fledged a member at Kansas City, Mo., out of \$90, not so much through his ability as a swindler as through the neglect of his victim. On February 13 Lewis opened a savings account by depositing \$5 cash. On February 14 he deposited a \$185 check on the Southwest National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, and on February 15 drew \$95 from the bank. He was permitted to draw this amount entirely regardless of the fact that no return had been made on his Southwest National check. Lewis is 24 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds; has light complexion but florid cheeks, a small mustache. He claimed to be selling insurance, told of a prosperous year, the proceeds of which he later parted with at the Louisiana horse races.

*J. E. Lewis*

PERRY E. LEWIS. The State Bank of Palatka, Fla., has reported receipt of many checks drawn against their bank by an unknown individual. They

bear the imprint of a certification stamp (the swindler's own get-up), and the forged signature of the bank's cashier. At the left end of the checks is printed, "The Gem City Printery, 'That Pleasing Kind of Printing,' W. E. Wattles, Prop." In one instance the operator used the name Perry E. Lewis. We are reproducing the penman's styles of writing.

*Perry E. Lewis*  
*Perry E. Lewis*

KUZMA MACHOWSKI, Russian, who is a lumber-jack by choice, has swindled a Cleveland, Ohio, member by forging the signature of a depositor (his roommate) to a withdrawal slip. Machowski speaks no English. He is now sought by our agents. Is 33 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds; has a thin, light brown mustache; teeth in upper jaw protrude.

B. MILLER. A member at Huntington, W. Va., has reported to us as follows: (in part) that B. Miller, who gave as his address the National Bargain House, Baltimore, on January 16 deposited a check drawn on the National Bank, Kinston, N. C. That bank has returned the check with notation that Miller did not have on deposit sufficient funds to cover. Miller had drawn against the check.

W. P. NEILL, who has worked at Palouse, Wash., as a farm hand, is wanted by a local member on a charge of defrauding by worthless drafts. Neill was known at the bank in question, and his request of funds was readily complied with. He is 30 years, 5 feet, 135 pounds, of slight build; eyes are crossed.

B. R. NEWCOMB, while employed at Tampa, Fla., by a local music house, opened an account with a Tampa member bank and carried on a legitimate banking business. On March 2, however, he deposited his personal check on the First National, Tulsa, Okla., remarking at the time that he would not need the money until the bank had received returns on the item. On March 3 he withdrew in cash the greater part of the amount of money his check called for. Two days later he failed to report for duty at the music store, whereupon the latter communicated with the bank for a possible reason. Thereupon the bank's suspicions were aroused. They wired Tulsa and found Newcomb's check was bogus. He is 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds; has brown hair and eyes, is smooth shaven, neat and of pleasing appearance. He gave his father's address as St. Paul, Minn. Our agents are striving to accomplish this man's arrest.

JOHN O'BRIEN, who poses as an attache of the Revenue Department of the United States, has operated at Amityville and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with bogus checks on the First National, Amityville. These checks bear the imprint of a certification stamp (operator's own get-up), to which he forges the signature of the bank's cashier. Warrant is held by the authorities at Amityville.

**E. H. PHILLIPS**, who has conducted a ranch at Sterling, Colo., is wanted by a local member bank, also a member, at Merino, Colo. It is stated that Phillips mortgaged many farm implements to the Sterling member, later mortgaging the same property to the Merino bank. Phillips is 24 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds. He disappeared from Sterling in a mortgaged Ford touring car, 1917 model, Colorado license 27926. Sheriff at Sterling holds warrant.

**WALTER G. RAYMOND** has swindled a member at Philadelphia, Pa., by having them cash for him checks bearing forged indorsements. Raymond was recently employed as glazier by a depositor of the bank in question, in which capacity he had the opportunity to steal mail containing checks which had been directed to his employer. To five checks he forged the latter's indorsement and readily received the cash at the bank. Raymond is 50 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds; his index and middle finger of left hand are missing.

**E. P. SANDELL**, auto salesman, is wanted by a member at Winters, Tex., on a charge of mortgage swindle, also of passing bogus checks. Sheriff at Runnels County, Texas, holds warrant. Sandell is 35 years, 5 feet 9 inches, dark complexion, smooth shaven; has a scar on forefinger of right hand.

**W. H. SERVISS**, representing himself as in the employ of the Phil E. Drought Hay Co., has passed several checks of this company to which he has forged the name of Phil E. Drought.

**C. STANLEY**, alias Jack Stanley, is wanted by a member at Star City, Ark., who claims that he defrauded them in the passing of a forged check on a bank at Topeka, Kans. Is 23 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 125 pounds; has a lean face and small, keen eyes.



**J. M. WAYBRIGHT.**

**J. M. WAYBRIGHT**, of many aliases and a long criminal record, has recently victimized a member at Kansas City, Mo., by passing forged checks. In this instance he stole several checks from the book of a depositor, forged the latter's signature to two, and obtained the cash from the bank. He is wanted also by the Kansas State Penitentiary, having broken his parole to that institution. Was sentenced there as a forger. Waybright is known also as Henry H. Reed, H. S. Watts, J. H. Wilson, H. J. Williams, H. B. Wilson, W. T. Lucas, C. Mead. He is 31 years, 5 feet

9 1-4 inches, 142 pounds; has gray eyes, light auburn hair. Bertillon: 77.2, 74.0, 94.6, 19.6, 15.4, 14.6, 5.9, 26.4, 11.9, 9.0, 47.9. Prints: 9-1, R-R, 10-10 = 13.

**FRED WEAVER** has passed at Gordonsville, Va., a check bearing the forged signature of W. J. Horne & Son, Washington, D. C.

**H. E. WEBB**. Purporting to be an employee of the W. C. Ellis & Sons Iron Works, Memphis, Tenn., H. E. Webb has succeeded in passing upon merchants at Memphis many forged pay checks of the works. In each operation he made purchases, then tendered his checks with an explanation that his ready funds were too short to cover the purchase price. The name of the iron works is stamped in, while the treasurer's signature is neatly forged. One of these checks was paid by a Memphis bank, and they are consequently the loser. Webb is 40 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, of chunky build. Our agents are searching for this operator.

**JOE WILLARD**, who gave his residence as Thomasville, Ga., recently approached a Tampa, Fla., member in the endeavor to secure cash on a check drawn against the Bank of Thomasville, Ga., signed A. D. Barring, payable to Joe Willard. He was told he must obtain the indorsement of a responsible party known to the bank; whereupon Willard left and returned shortly thereafter with the check indorsed "Mrs. M. A. Burgess." Inasmuch as the latter was a depositor, the check was readily cashed. Eventually, Mrs. Burgess pronounced the indorsement a rank forgery, while the bank at Thomasville declared that no A. D. Barring carried an account with them, neither did they know Joe Willard. The latter is 25 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds, of ordinary appearance.

**M. D. WRIGHT**. Checks on the Peoples Bank, Fort Motte, S. C., to the Hanover National Bank, New York, N. Y., have been cashed at Thomson, Ga., and Greenwood, S. C. They are branded by the Hanover National as bogus. M. D. Wright is the name in which they are made payable.

## GENERAL

**W. B. BROWN** is reported by a member at Washington, D. C., as drawing checks against a closed account. He opened this account with \$15 in cash, and



a day or two later closed it, since which time he has been operating in the South with worthless checks. He is a man not over 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 to 150 pounds, thin, smooth face. Claimed to be Special Agent for the Seaboard Airline Railway, and had a special agent Railway badge on his vest.

## PASSED FORGED CERTIFIED CHECKS

Swindler still continues in check rampage. Secures victims innumerable in New York City.

Merchants and restaurants in the city of New York are still feeling the attacks of C. C. Mollin. As related in our February JOURNAL Supplement, this man was released some months ago from a Pennsylvania prison, only to take up again immediately his check



C. C. MOLLIN.

swindling. The reason that they impress his victims to such an extent is that they are "certified." Mollin's own certification stamp is at work. A member at Utica, N. Y., has advised us that he is now using their checks to which he signs the name, "Jenny & Nelback." He has favored the aliases, C. Anderson, C. Miller, C. Moore, F. Young, F. White, F. Williams, etc. Is 32 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; of medium build.



R. C. CANNEDY. Recently a member at Oklahoma City, Okla., received a call from a local printer to the effect that a man had given an order for five hundred voucher checks on their bank and asked for eight samples. He declared that he wanted these checks for the Interstate Producing and Distributing Co. Inasmuch as this concern did not carry an account at the bank and was also unknown, the bank advised our agents. The latter and the local police arrested this man, who gave his name as Moore. Finally it was proved that he was R. C. Cannedy, and was known also as S. P. Moore. He claimed to be a

street car motorman from San Francisco, and gave Florida as his birthplace. He wished to be recognized as an oil stock promoter, even though he admitted that he had never done any promoting whatever. He is 26 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds; has brown eyes and hair, thick eyebrows that meet.

W. JOHN DUBREE, registering from Philadelphia, Pa., has victimized a hotel at Hazelton, Pa., by passing check of the American Tire Sales Co., Washington, D. C. The latter firm has been now out of business for many months. Operator is 35 years, 6 feet, heavy set.

JOHN H. GARRETT, known as "the double of William Jennings Bryan," is alleged to have recently victimized numerous business men of Brighton, Ill., to the extent of approximately \$20,000. Garrett made his headquarters at Brighton, being, presumably, in the real estate and promoting of Wisconsin lead mines. He operated his swindles through bogus notes and fake land deals.

J. W. GOINGS has passed at Kansas City, Mo., several checks bearing the forged signature of the Kelly Milling Co. Saloons were victimized. In his operations Goings pronounced the check a pay check, received in return for his services of the week passed. He is 26 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds.

C. N. HADDOX. A member at Ashland, Ky., February 16 wrote us as follows:

"For the last two months a party who has been using the following names: C. N. Haddox, F. L. Taylor, and F. L. Davis, is drawing small checks; none of them to exceed ten dollars, but most of them from four to seven dollars. The only information we have been able to obtain is that he will visit the rural community, become acquainted with some one who has a small farm, agree to take an option upon the farm executing check as payment upon option; then later giving them his check for his board or cash, and never return to exercise his option. He operated in Kentucky along the Ohio River below us, then changed to Ohio. The last place from which we have had presented his check was at Byesville, Ohio, from the Byesville State Bank. We have not been damaged by this party, nor have we been able to identify him. The check book that he is using upon us is an old form given out by us months ago."

HARRY HAKANSSON. Checks on the Lewiston Trust Co., Lewiston, Me., payable to Harry Hakansson, have been cashed at New York, N. Y., and returned by that bank as forgeries. The check forms, which bear the name in type, Orman C. Perkins, were stolen from Mr. Perkins. They have been made out in small amounts.

FRANK PERRY HAMILTON, aliases Stephen F. Harter, Harry Smith, who, it is alleged, has passed numerous bogus checks drawn on the Mercer Trust Co., Trenton, N. J., has been arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., and committed to the County Prison.

JOSEPH HANLEY, alias John Conden. The Planters National Bank, Tulsa, Okla., has reported receipt of numerous checks signed Oklahoma Oil Exploration Co., J. M. Hale, Treas. These checks are

bogus. A hotel at Kansas City, Mo., was the last reported victim of these checks. Operator is 40 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds.

ROBERT F. HELRICH has passed a forged check at Wellston, Mo., on the Third National, St. Louis, Mo., purporting to be a pay check of the Haynes Motor Car Company. Helrich is 26 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 155 pounds.

D. C. LAYMAN. Checks payable in this name on the form of the "Western Promotion & Improvement Co." to the Scandinavian American Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., have been recently cashed at Minneapolis. Both bank and firms are out of existence. Layman is 26 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds.

A. LUDDY. Bogus checks made payable in this name, drawn on the City Bank, Syracuse, N. Y., have been cashed throughout New Jersey towns. They bear the imprint of a certification stamp (the operator's own get-up), and the reference in writing, "A. B. Brautford, Cashier." There never has been connected with the city bank an employee of this name.

DANIEL J. MURPHY, of Ridgefield Park, N. J., is reported by a local member as forging the signature of two depositors to checks which the bank failed to pay on. Murphy has left Ridgefield Park.

EDWARD J. NEWHALL, JR., has passed two worthless drafts upon individuals at Dallas, Texas. Same were on the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y.

C. L. ORTEGO is drawing worthless checks against the Crocker National, San Francisco, Cal. Is operating throughout California.

JAMES REGAN, alias E. R. Henderson, and ED-DIE McGLON, alias Albert Boyd, on February 26 were arrested at Los Angeles, Cal., by our agents after they had victimized a local hotel by cashing bogus checks. When McGLON was searched at headquarters, a belt was found about his waist which contained loose diamonds worth more than \$2000. It was then developed that Regan and McGLON are members of an organized gang of diamond thieves who have been active by operating for some time past on the Pacific coast.

CHARLES ROBINSON, alias Sam Whitehurst, 24, has been arrested at Quincy, Ill., on a charge of negotiating forged checks. He will be returned to Sioux City, Ia. It is stated that Robinson spent the proceeds of his check operating to cover the expenses of his honeymoon, he having recently been married.

MILTON SMITH is wanted by a bank at Minong, Wis., whom he is said to have defrauded by forged check. Sheriff of Washburn Co., Wis., holds warrant. Smith is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds; left little finger is split. The sheriff offers \$50 for Smith's arrest.

EDWARD D. SUGDEN, alias Edward Snyder, alias George Snyder, who also represents himself as former private secretary to Chief of Detectives Dev-ery, New York, N. Y., was arrested February 23 at Los Angeles, Cal., by our agents. Sugden had victimized a Los Angeles hotel by bogus check. After the

arrest it developed that he had conducted an extensive check-swindling game throughout northern California.

JOSEPH SULLIVAN, who has been until recently an active depositor of the Drovers National, Chicago, is reported by that bank as now drawing numerous checks against his own account, less than \$1.00 in amount. The checks have been cashed throughout Chicago.

L. E. TAYLOR. Bogus checks drawn on the Empire Trust Co., New York, N. Y., payable in the names L. E. Taylor, J. V. Wellborn, F. E. Austin, Allen Trimble, Charles Ferguson, A. Cathcart, Ernest Nesbitt, have been cashed in the month past by New York (N. Y.) hotels. The checks are in the one handwrit-

## ARRESTED

### OPERATED AS EX-GOVERNOR'S NEPHEW

Man arrested at Chicago has criminal record dating back to 1910

For some time past an individual, representing himself as the nephew of Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of the State of Ohio, has been conducting a swindling tour against banks. His operation was the drawing of worthless drafts. In January, 1916, he



H. L. HERRICK.

"caught" a member at Philadelphia, Pa. Trace of him was lost until January 30, 1917, when he appeared at Chicago, Ill., and on the same day victimized two local banks. In each instance he used the name H. L. Herrick. On February 20, 1917, his arrest was accomplished at Chicago by the local authorities. Following this, he was identified as John C. Frey, aliases Frank L. Hardcastle, H. L. Francis, John C. Ellington, Herbert Lackley, French, Curry, Brown, Star, whose swindling transactions first came to light on July 27, 1910, when he fleeced a member at Whitesboro, Tex., with worthless draft. He had previously been arrested at Washington, D. C.; Detroit, Mich., and Cincinnati, Ohio, on these charges. Is 38 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds, of good build; has light brown hair, slate eyes. Is a native of St. Louis, Mo., and a railroad clerk by occupation. Bertillon: 20.4

15.0 11.7 21.1 48.0 79.3. JOURNAL BULLETIN: July, 1910, pages 16 and 20. He was released under \$1,000 bond at Chicago, which was forfeited. On March 19 this man was re-arrested at New York, N. Y., by the local authorities.

### FORGED DECEASED PERSON'S NAME

Bank unaware of depositor's death pays funds on forged note

On January 1, 1917, Mrs. Jane Hardiman, who had carried an account at a Utica (N. Y.) member bank, died. The bank did not learn of her death. They still carried an amount in her name. On February 26, Charles S. Thayer, who had worked for Mr. Hardiman, came to the bank and drew out a sum on a note signed Jane Hardiman. On March 5, Thayer again appeared at the bank with a similar note, requesting that the balance of her account be paid to Thayer. It was done. Several days later the widower of Jane Hardiman approached the bank to close up his wife's affairs. He was shown the notes that Thayer had presented, and at once pronounced them forgeries, as Mrs. Hardiman had been dead a month before the first amount was drawn. Our agents immediately put the case under way, and within a day's time Thayer was arrested at Buffalo, the local authorities co-operating. He tried to convince his captors with the statement that Mrs. Hardiman had given him her bankbook and she wanted him to have the money on deposit. He considered that the only way to get the funds was to forge Jane Hardiman's signature.

CHARLES ADAMS and ALBERT C. JOHNSON, said to have confessed to the holdup and \$2,468 robbery of the Farmers & Miners Bank, Oronogo, Mo., are under arrest at Joplin, Mo. The local authorities succeeded in apprehending these robbers. There were taken into custody at the same time Roy Doherty, J. B. Cutler and Willard Massee, who later confessed to having robbed the First National, Fairview, Mo., of \$5,000 on January 15, 1917. The latter bank is not a member of this association.

HENRY BOEHMER, during October, 1916, victimized a member at Winner, S. D., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. On February 24 he was arrested at Marysville, Cal., by the local sheriff. He claims that he is innocent of the Winner charge.

CHARLES BUCKLES, alias A. L. Frye, mentioned in the March, 1916, JOURNAL Supplement as having fleeced a member at Caruthersville, Mo., by forging the signatures of two farmers to a note which the bank bought, was arrested on February 18 at Pollard, Ark. Deputy Sheriff of Caruthersville made the arrest. One Arthur Ratley, who is said to have implicated himself with Buckles in this operation, was arrested at Holland, Mo.

IRENE CURRAN. In the September, 1916, JOURNAL Supplement we reported the arrests by our agents of Jack Williams and Irene Curran at Detroit, Mich., they being wanted at Kansas City, Mo., by a

member on a charge of forgery. While we showed the arrest of Irene Curran, however, we failed to credit it in the statistics. We are making this reference here in order that our statistics will balance properly. Both Jack Williams and Irene Curran are now wanted as fugitives from justice. They failed to appear at Kansas City on February 20, when their case was called.

LOUIS FAUST, 17, who recently attempted to defraud a member at New Orleans, La., by presenting for cash a \$50 check to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer) signature, was turned over to the local police by our agents. Faust, when questioned in the bank, emphatically declared that the check had been given to him by his employer. He went so far as to accompany our agents to his employer's office, where the check was pronounced a forgery and the work of Faust. It was developed that he had forged other checks to the amount of \$400 which he succeeded in passing at New Orleans. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 125 pounds.

JOSEPH G. FRANCKS, who has victimized a member at Galveston, Tex., by worthless draft, the teller cashing the draft without any other assurance as to its validity than the fact that Francks and he were "old school pals," is now confined in a hospital at San Antonio, Tex. This followed a pistol duel, in which Francks was shot blind. His mind is turned. There will evidently be no desire now on the part of the Galveston member to press its charge against Francks.

HAROLD FRIESE, who has victimized a member at Stamford, Conn., by cashing a worthless check on the Queens County Trust Co., Long Island City, L. I., to which he forged the certification of the latter bank's cashier, was on February 26 arrested at Stamford by the authorities. He is 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, of slim build. Has resided at Brooklyn, N. Y. Has a police record as a forger at Newark, N. J.

THOMAS GOWRAN, indicted in connection with the attempted robbery of the First National Bank, Lockport, Ill., has been arrested at Chicago. The two indictments against Gowran charge him with assault to rob. On page 138 of the JOURNAL Supplement for March, 1916, there appears a complete account of the attempted robbery and the arrests that followed.

ROBERT H. HALL, 34, 2nd Lieutenant, First Indiana Infantry, located at Llano Grande, Tex., who on October 6 put to loss a member at Brownsville, Tex., in the cashing of a check on a bank at New Castle, Ind., which was returned to Brownsville, as bogus and who also deserted his company at this time, is now under arrest at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. The military authorities are dealing with Hall on the desertion charge.

F. AUGUSTUS HANSCOM, 60, wanted by a member at Boston, Mass., for the defrauding of their institution by bogus pay checks, was recently arrested at Brooklyn, N. Y., following an attempt to pass a worthless check in a deal for purchasing a bakery. He was arrested under the name, Charles Harrison, and our agents verified the fact that he was the in-

dividual wanted at Boston. Detainer warrant has been lodged against him at Brooklyn.

J. OLIN HAYNES, 16, on March 3 attempted to pass a forged check at a member bank of Portland, Ore. The bank had detected the forgery and held Haynes until the arrival of our agents. The latter learned from Haynes that the check in blank had been given to him by one ED. RING, employee in a local printing establishment; that he and Ring had succeeded in cashing several forged checks against Portland merchants. Haynes, alias Edward Kleist, alias Lloyd Mathieu, was turned over to the local authorities. Our agents and the latter then located Edward Ring, alias S. S. Jessup, and likewise he was jailed.

GEORGE HUNT, alias Will Cox, negro, who on March 5 attempted to cash a forged check at a Dallas, Tex., member bank, was on the same day arrested by a local policeman. Hunt, upon being questioned by the teller, ran from the bank. He was pursued and ran into the arms of the officer. Is 19 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 145 pounds.

F. W. JACKSON, JR., wanted by a member at New York, N. Y., for defrauding by worthless draft, was on February 21 arrested at New York City by local authorities.

GEORGE KLEIN. On February 8 at Kansas City, Mo., one G. E. Moore was arrested, charged with having swindled a hotel at Kansas City by forged check. Moore, known also as "Doc," claimed to be a druggist. He has since been positively identified as George Klein, the operator who has victimized a member at St. Joseph, Mo., by forged check. Klein, alias Moore, is 40 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds.

PAUL MACHETTE, known also as Peter Owens, Harry B. West, Harry B. Wells, who has victimized a member at San Francisco, Cal., by forging the signature of a depositor to two withdrawal orders against the latter's account, was on March 2 arrested at San Francisco by our agents and the local authorities. Machette, who claims to be a prosperous movie actor of Universal City, Cal., is a constant user of morphine. He promised to make a complete confession to our agents, provided they get him a small quantity of morphine. Is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 pounds. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in financing the investigation.

JAMES A. MILLIGAN, alias James A. Miller, reported in the January, 1916, JOURNAL Supplement, page 109, as being a fugitive from justice, following his arrest by our agents on a Dallas, Tex., member's charge of forgery, was on March 7 again arrested by our agents. This time at Fordyce, Ark. He is fighting extradition to Dallas.

WILLIAM J. MOLLER recently "caught" a member at Red Bank, N. J., by passing a check to which he had forged a local party's indorsement. On March 8, a bank at Wheeling, W. Va., notified this department that a few days previous one William J. Miller registered at a local hotel, representing himself to be the advance agent of a show troupe; that he later tendered a "certified" check on the National Bank of Johnstown, Pa., which was cashed, and that he failed to pay his bill. He was traced to the station by the

*Wm J Miller*

local police, and his arrest accomplished for the hotel. When his baggage was searched there were found rubber stamps, rubber type, inks, tracer, and many blank checks. It then was learned that his check on Johnstown, Pa., was bogus throughout. In the ambition to have this man convicted of defrauding their hotel client, the Wheeling bank requested us to endeavor to identify Miller. When our agents looked at the writing of Miller, they at once recognized a similarity to that of Moller, who had operated at Red Bank. They forwarded Miller's photo to Red Bank, whence it was promptly identified as that of Moller. This man is 24 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; is erect, big and awkward; has large outstanding ears.

FRANK MORGAN and FLOYD MATTHEWS, as reported on page 130 of the March, 1917, JOURNAL Supplement, were taken into custody on January 23 at Ballard, Wash., by our agents and local officers. These two men had planned to hold up and rob the Scandinavian American Bank at Ballard. These plans, however, were overheard by a representative of our detective agents, who notified the authorities and assisted in the capture of the men. The disposition of the cases held against them is shown in another column of this issue.

JOHN WILLIAM MOSS, negro, was arrested at Columbia, Mo., March 2 by our agents and the local authorities, following an investigation made by our agents of a case wherein a Columbia member bank had been defrauded by cashing several checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. There is much evidence uncovered to prove that Moss is responsible for the forgeries. He strongly asserts his innocence.

JOHN T. NICHOLSON, who is now held in military control at San Antonio, Tex., has confessed to our agents to victimizing a member at Galveston and another at Houston, Tex., by bogus checks. He operated against these banks in January. The civil authorities have a warrant against Nicholson charging bigamy. It is considered unnecessary to make any effort to have him returned to Galveston or Houston, as both cases at their best are no more than misdeemeanors.

MAX PATRON, Hebrew, who it is alleged recently put to loss a member at Beaver Falls, Pa., in the cashing of two checks to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer) signature, was on March 3 arrested at New York, N. Y., by our agents and the local authorities. He is supposed to be known also as Sol Stan. He later secured his release through habeas corpus proceedings and our agents are again endeavoring to cause his apprehension. He is 33 years, 5 feet 2 inches, 140 pounds, of stout build.

OSCAR A. PENZIEN, who has put to loss a member at Oakland, Cal., in the cashing of a check to





OSCAR A. PENZIEN.

which he had forged the signature of an individual with whom he was carrying a joint account at the bank, was on March 6 located by our agents in jail at San Francisco, Cal. He had been confined there under the name Oscar A. Spanzien on a charge of embezzlement. He has since been sentenced to three years at San Quentin on the embezzlement charge. Is 44 years, 5 feet 8 5-8 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, medium fair complexion, has brown hair. Bertillon: 74.5 77.0. 93.5 18.5 15.9 14.3 6.7 26.0 11.3 8.6 45.8. Prints: 15-17 U-U 00-0 =16.

E. B. ROBERTS, on February 26, was arrested at New Orleans, La., following his attempt to swindle a local bank by check to which he had forged the signature of a responsible individual of New Orleans. The check was first presented at the bank by a boy who declared that "a man who was waiting outside had sent him in." The boy headed for the designated spot with the bank's officer at his heels, for the forgery had at once been detected. The officer returned to the bank with the man pointed out by the boy when our agents were called in. Roberts was closely questioned and taken outside the bank to prove his assertions, only to establish his guilt. He was then arrested by the New Orleans police. Is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds.

ALVIN SHIRACK, alias Alvin Meyers, has been arrested by the authorities at Beloit, Kan., following instructions received from sheriff at Willson, Kan. Shirack on the morning of January 17 succeeded in breaking his way into a member bank at Willson, Kan., and robbing it. He used no explosives. He hired passage out of town. The sheriff at Willson learned of Shirack's destination through the liveryman, wired ahead, and the arrest was accomplished at Beloit. The stolen money was found on his person. He made a written confession to our agents, in which he quoted numerous other burglaries he had perpetrated. This was the only bank, however, he had attacked.

ARCHIE SMITH, 20, who has victimized a member at Vandergrift, Pa., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on February 15 arrested at New Kensington, Pa., by our agents and the local authorities. Smith confessed to the charge. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 125 pounds; has the appearance of a tubercular.

FRED W. SOMSTROM, who has defrauded a member at Wallingford, Conn., by notes bearing forged indorsements, was recently located by the police of Wallingford at Albany, N. Y. He has been arrested and will be returned to Connecticut for prosecution. Somstrom has done business at Wallingford as a contractor and builder. Is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 to 160 pounds.

JASPER TONGS, identified as the individual who recently put to loss a member at Hope, Ark., by forged check, was on March 12 arrested by our agents and the local sheriff at DeKalb, Tex., and returned to Hope, Ark.

J. R. VAN HORN, who is alleged to have fleeced a member at Ipswich, S. D., by worthless check, was arrested recently at Bismarck, S. D., by the local authorities. The cashier of the City National Bank, Bismarck, had learned through newspaper reports of Van Horn's alleged check transaction at Ipswich, knew of his whereabouts, and notified the local authorities, who made the arrest. He is fighting extradition.

JOSEPH M. VONA, who on February 23 attempted to pass a bogus check at a New York, N. Y., member bank, was detained by the bank in question until our agents arrived and investigated Vona and his story that the check had been given him to pass by a third party. Inasmuch as Vona was unable to produce the latter, he was turned over to the local authorities. The bank is pressing the case energetically. Vona is 24 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 140 pounds. He was born in this country of Italian parents.

CHARLES C. WARD known also as C. Ward, Matt Gordon, Henry Harnes, Thomas Ryan, Peter Duffy, who has defrauded a member at Chicago, Ill., by passing checks to which he had forged the signature of a depositor, was on March 3 arrested at Chicago by our agents and the local authorities. Ward gave his name as Charles Wellington. He is 34 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 175 pounds. At the time of his arrest Ward was driving a milk wagon.

M. L. WEIL, who victimized a member at Elko, Nev., more than a year ago by worthless draft of \$50, was arrested on March 9 at Oakland, Cal., by the local authorities. The sheriff at Elko is taking steps to have Weil returned for prosecution. Weil formerly was manager of the San Francisco branch of A. C. McClurg Co. of Chicago. He is 51 years, 5 feet 6 5-8 inches, 155 pounds, of medium build; has gray hair. Bertillon: 69.2 74.0 88.5 19.5 15.2 13.8 6.9 26.3 11.9 9.3 46.9. Prints: 31-20, R, O-LM =16. JOURNAL Supplement, April, 1916, Page 153. Photo is shown in that issue.

ROBERT JOHN WEIR, alias Robert J. Ware, alias John H. Bell, who has victimized members at San Francisco, Oakland, Lodi and Sacramento, Cal., by means of worthless checks, was on March 3 arrested at San Francisco by our agents. He had also defrauded numerous business men throughout California. Is 23 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds, of light complexion, has light brown hair and blue eyes; names his choice occupations as farming and book-



ROBERT JOHN WEIR

keeping. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in financing this investigation.

JOHN WELCHER has been arrested at Oklahoma City, Okla., charged with harboring members of the Poe-Hart bank robber band while they were at the height of their operations. Our agents have striven to obtain a conviction against this man. The removal column of this issue shows the results.



SIDNEY WOODHOUSE.

SIDNEY WOODHOUSE, who in January, 1915, defrauded a member at Hillsboro, Ore., through a forged check which he passed at Pasadena, Cal., was arrested in early March by the authorities at San Luis Obispo, Cal. Woodhouse had victimized also several local merchants by bogus checks. Detainer warrant from Hillsboro will be lodged against him at San Luis Obispo. The Oregon Bankers Association co-operated with this Association by financing an investigation in this case. He is 22 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, of dark complexion; has black hair and eyes. JOURNAL BULLETIN, March, 1915, page 729.

G. S. WILLIS is under arrest at Brooksville, Fla., following his perpetration of a check swindle against a local member. Willis opened an account at the bank by depositing a check drawn in his favor by M. H. Bohannon, and was given permission to draw against it. He immediately proceeded to take advantage of this, drawing direct against the bank, also issuing many checks to local merchants. Eventually, Willis' check was returned as bogus. Willis was arrested as he attempted to leave town. He declares that he was employed by a nursery man of Okeechobee, Fla., as sales-

man. The latter has declared Willis a forger. He will be prosecuted at Brooksville.

## REMOVED

### COURT REVERSES CONVICTION

The conviction of Max H. Hart, Adolph E. Wupperman, Andrew S. Work and Frank W. Fowler was reversed on March 20, 1917, by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New York City. The remarks of the trial judge as to an alleged jury tampering was the cause of the reversal.

These men were tried and convicted at a term of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of New York at Watertown, N. Y., in August, 1914, for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the kiting of notes.

### HOMESTEAD BANK ROBBER CONVICTED

Jury finds Rice guilty of murder in second degree. Sentenced to life imprisonment

In the JOURNAL Supplement of November, 1916, we quote the facts surrounding the investigation of the \$6,200 robbery of the Bank of Homestead, Homestead, Fla. It was told how four armed men had entered the bank, gathered into their possession all the currency on hand, then took to a waiting automobile and drove straight for the everglades. An armed posse, in which C. E. Sears, Florida representative of our agents, was a prominent figure, was immediately organized and gave chase. The robbers were encountered a battle ensued in which two of the posse lost their lives, and the robbers remained uncaptured. The identity of the latter were learned. They were Hugh Alderman, Frank Rice, Leland Rice, and Lawrence Tucker, all born and bred in southern Florida. The man hunt continued. Finally Frank Rice was captured after he had been severely wounded by a bullet fired from ambush. His brother had been shot dead in a similar manner. Tucker's body was washed ashore on an island after he had attempted to swim to a spot of safety and drowned. Hugh Alderman, half dead from hunger and thirst, staggered into one of the towns and surrendered. The cases of Frank Rice and Hugh Alderman have been actively under way in the Florida courts for some time past. On February 19 Sears wrote us: "The jury last night at ten-thirty found Frank Rice guilty of murder in the second degree. This will mean a life sentence for Rice. The case of Hugh Alderman will be taken up next, and I am advised by the solicitor that he will try him in May next. The special thanks of the State of Florida and County of Dade was tendered me and through me to the American Bankers Association and the Burns Agency for cordial support and valuable service rendered the state and county in this case by both the presiding Judge Branning and State Attorney Gramling. It was told that this trial had cost the County of Dade between \$6,000 and \$7,000, and that they were

prepared to spend as much more to convict Hugh Alderman." We are now in receipt of information to the effect that Rice has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

### WOULD-BE ROBBERS SENTENCED

Two men, whose plans to hold up and rob Ballard, Wash., bank were "squashed" by our agents, get light punishment

In the March JOURNAL Supplement we told of the Burns man, who while stopping at a Seattle, Wash., hotel, learned of the plans of two men to hold up and rob the Ballard, Wash., branch of the Scandinavian American Bank. It was declared that the detective had notified the authorities and superintended the work of laying a trap for the would-be robbers, should they put their plans in action; that the men, whose names were later learned to be Floyd Matthews and Frank Morgan, approached the bank but feared to attack it because of the number of customers on hand; that the Burns man and the officers decided to arrest the couple then and there rather than put it off until Matthews and Morgan actually were engaged in the hold-up and robbery; that they had advanced upon the two, deprived them of four loaded guns and a blackjack and made them prisoners. On February 24 Matthews and Morgan were tried at Seattle. The prosecuting attorney held that, inasmuch as they had not actually carried out their plans, a charge of carrying concealed weapons alone could be filed against them. The attorney for the defense based his entire fight upon this stand. The men were sentenced to five months each in the county jail. This is indeed light punishment for this character of men. When we receive photographs of Matthews and Morgan, we will at once publish them in the JOURNAL Supplement so that our members and the peace officers throughout the country can form a facial acquaintance with them and be on guard.

JOSEPHINE CLARK, forgery, September 21, 1916, 1 year probation.

MRS. C. L. CLEMMENS, forgery, released; insufficient evidence.

RAYMOND COLLINS, bogus check, February 16, released; not indicted.

IRENE CURRAN, alleged accomplice to forger, failed to appear for trial; now a fugitive from justice.

L. S. DAVIS, forgery, released; in poor mental condition; father paid fine.

J. B. DICKINSON and L. G. DICKINSON, bogus checks, released.

FRANK DUSKY, hold-up and robbery, 7 years, Washington State Penitentiary.

ELI S. ELDREDGE, bogus check, plead guilty, sentenced to one year Philadelphia, Pa., County Prison. Judge was lenient considering that Eldredge had no previous record and because he plead guilty.

JOSEPH G. FRANCKS, worthless draft; we are removing this name from the awaiting trial list inas-

much as it is now considered necessary to incarcerate him in the Asylum for Insane, Austin, Tex.

J. D. GOODWIN, alias J. W. Morris, alias F. B. Goldman, forgery; convicted, sentence suspended.

WALTER R. GRIMES, alleged forgery, released, insufficient evidence to convict.

MANNIE GUGGENHEIM, alias Morris Strauss, etc., swindle, February 18; 18 months to 2 years, Colorado State Penitentiary.

W. J. HARDY, alleged raised withdrawal order, released; found not guilty.

J. OLIN HAYNES, forgery, March 8; paroled to his father, H. S. Haynes, Eddyville, Ore.

F. W. JACKSON, JR., worthless draft, released; principal witness failed to appear.

ALBERT C. JOHNSON, hold-up and robbery, February 26; 6 years Missouri State Penitentiary.

BERT J. KINKADE, forgery and attempt to pass, 30 days, jail at Pocatello, Idaho.

T. W. KISCO, alias Toddish Kado, alias Theodore Wing, forgery, January 29, House of Correction, Chicago, 11 months. He was also fined \$5.00 and costs.

EDWARD V. MURPHY, forgery, February 9, 1 1-2 years, District of Columbia Reformatory, Lorton, Va.

JOHN T. NICHOLSON, bogus checks, not to be returned on check responsibilities; will be prosecuted on several other charges.

MARIE OFFNER, forged checks, paroled.

MAX PATRON, alias Sol Stan, alleged forgery, released; habeas corpus proceedings.

OSCAR A. PENZIEN, alias Oscar A. Spanzien, forgery, March 6, 3 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin. (Embezzlement charge; forgery warrant is filed against him.)

LOTTIE M. REED, forgery, plead guilty, March 10, sentenced to 1 to 5 years, Oregon State Penitentiary; paroled to the Home of the Good Shepherd.

ED. RING, forgery, March 8, paroled to Frank Rogers, Portland, Ore.

ALFRED CHARLES RITTER, worthless check, February 20, plead guilty, 3 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

OTTO SIL, forgery, released.

FRANK SILVA, alias Joseph Tabash, forgery, January 31, 2 years, Folsom (Cal.) Penitentiary.

SAMUEL STOUT, alias James M. Wright, forged note, March 9, plead guilty, 2 years, Moundsville (Va.) Penitentiary.

J. R. VAN HORN, alleged worthless check, released.

JOHN WELCHER, charged with harboring members of bank robber band, 4 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

JACK WILLIAMS, alleged forgeries, failed to appear for trial; now a fugitive from justice.

JOHN F. WOODS, swindle, released.

J. W. YOUNGBLOOD, alias Homer Langford, attempt to swindle, released.

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 Bachrack, Morris, forgery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
 Barthel, Oscar, forgery, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Beeching, David G., forged checks, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.  
 Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Bloomingdale, William C., forgery, Lemoore, Cal.  
 Boehmer, Henry, forgery, Winner, S. D.  
 Bowers, Alcid, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Briggs, Eli, forgery, Camden, N. J.  
 Broder, Otto F., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Buckles, Charles, forgery, Caruthersville, Mo.  
 Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Burnell, Joe, mortgage swindle, Junction City, Kan.  
 Busby, Joe., mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.  
 Caroli, M. A., bogus checks, Detroit, Mich.  
 Chisholm, Frank, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Clark, W. E., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Cohenour, R. V., raised check, Alderson, W. Va.  
 Cragin, George, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Dabney, C. W., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Davis, Harvie A., bogus check, Portland, Me.  
 Desmond, J. H., forged telegram, Henrietta, Tex.  
 Dodson, C. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 East, Clarence, forgery, Nardin, Okla.  
 Elsler, Joseph Ellis, bogus check, New York, N. Y.  
 Faust, Louis, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Friese, Harold, worthless check, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Gillette, C. C., forgery, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Goffney, Will, forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
 Good, F. C., forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
 Gore, Robert, forgery, Madison, W. Va.  
 Gray, M. S., bogus draft, Sugarland, Tex.  
 Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
 Hadley, Albert, forgery, Eugene, Ore.  
 Hall, Robert H., bogus check, Brownsville, Tex.  
 Hanscom, F. Augustus, bogus checks, Boston, Mass.  
 Harf, Sol, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Harmon, Frank, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Harrisohn, F. H., swindle, Santa Barbara, Cal.  
 Hateley, James C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Herrick, H. L., forged drafts, Chicago, Ill.  
 Hunt, George, forgery, Dallas, Tex.  
 Johnson, Abraham, bogus check, McLeansboro, Ill.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Jones, Edward E., forgery, El Paso, Tex.  
 Jones, Mary, forgery, Galveston, Tex.  
 Judge, Johnnie, forgery, Rock Hill, S. C.  
 Klein, George, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Lacovara, Carmine, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Langner, Mollie, swindle, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Lathan, J. L., forgery, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Lewis, Charley, forgery, Marshall, Mo.  
 Loehrs, Bernard, bogus check, Asbury Park, N. J.  
 McConnell, Ruel T., worthless drafts, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 McQueen, Ed., forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Machette, Paul, forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Markowitz, Elias, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.  
 May, W. J., raised check, Dayton, Ohio.  
 Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Milligan, James A., forgery, Dallas, Tex.  
 Million, Gladys, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Moller, William J., forgery, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Moss, John William, forgery, Columbia, Mo.  
 Osborne, Clarence, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.  
 Peterson, Lawrence, forgery, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Pritchard, R. E., mortgage swindle, Haskell, Okla.  
 Ragain, Fred, forgery, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Real, Abraham, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
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 Richardson, F. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
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 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Settle, William, forgery, Pendleton, Ore.  
 Shepard, Howard Wade, bogus check, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Shuter, James, bogus checks, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Sisco, Maurice, forgery, Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Smith, A. B., forgery, Livingston, Cal.  
 Smith, Archie, forgery, Vandergrift, Pa.  
 Smith, Huntington, forgery, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Socwell, Wm. H., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Somstrom, Fred W., forgery, Wallingford, Conn.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Stone, Cecil, forgery, Charleston, W. Va.  
 Storey, Luther, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Thayer, Charles S., forged note, Utica, N. Y.  
 Tilley, E. L., bogus check, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Tomalo, Jan, forgery, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Tongs, Jasper, forgery, Hope, Ark.  
 Valcano, William, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Van Hook, C. L., mortgage swindle, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Vona, Joseph M., bogus check, New York, N. Y.  
 Ward, Charles C., forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 Ward, Erret, forged draft, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 Washington, Dennis, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.  
 Well, M. L., worthless draft, Elko, Nev.  
 Weir, Robert John, worthless checks, San Francisco, Cal.  
 West, Ralph, forgery, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Wickham, G., raised check, Portland, Ore.  
 Williams, Albertha, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Willis, G. S., bogus check, Brooksville, Fla.  
 Woodhouse, Sidney, forgery, Hillsboro, Ore.  
 Zinaman, Irving, forgery, New York, N. Y.

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Bldg.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Sears, c/o Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exch. Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—White Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, A. B. Cooper, 908 Colcord Building.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.

RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Special Representative, M. W. Williams, 408-9 Bank of Commerce and Trust Bldg., P. O. Box 464.  
TEXAS, DALLAS.—Special Representative, P. R. Senumacher, 601 Young Street.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—Special Representative, Wm. Duffy, 534 South 2nd East Street.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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## A RESOLUTION FOR EVERY BANK MAN

Whereas, Approximately 95 per cent. of the banking business of the country is done by check, and

Whereas, The operations of bogus, worthless and forged check operators are on the increase rather than the decrease, and have become a menace to the banks and merchants of the country, and

Whereas, To a great extent this condition is due to undue confidence being placed in the integrity of strangers, and the willingness of banks and merchants to oblige, "take a chance" and pocket the loss in a spirit of American sportsmanship.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That I will hereafter use greater diligence in the cashing of checks for strangers, that I will insist that they thoroughly identify themselves, that believing "time is money," I will spend ten minutes in the verification of identification rather than lose \$10 on a bogus, worthless or forged check in addition to the time, annoyance and ill feeling caused when discovered.

I further resolve that I will enlist the earnest co-operation of the banks, merchants' association, chambers of commerce, merchants, hotels and the civil authorities of my community in a "campaign of carefulness" against cashing checks for strangers without proper identification.



# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## APRIL PROTECTIVE WORK

## WARNING

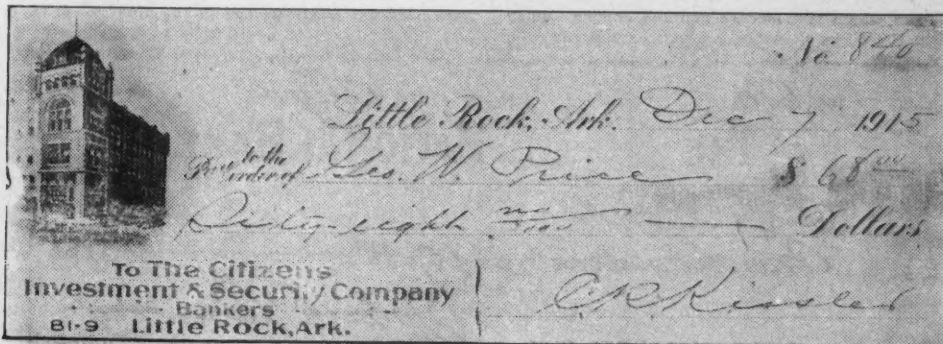
## BEWARE OF THE BLONDE

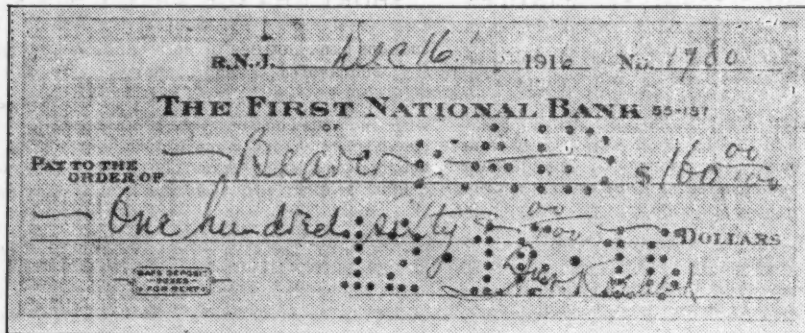
**Jim-the-Penman's** pretty accomplice continues to "get" banks right and left with her forged checks

We again find it necessary to tell members of the continued operations of "Jim-the-Penman" and his fair accomplice, "the blonde." This in hopes that some teller will soon be enabled to "spot" them in their endeavor and make it possible for a much desired arrest to be accomplished. As we related before, "Jim" does not go into the bank. He leaves that to the woman, because tellers "fall" for her. In each case where she has victimized the bank and the teller is asked for her description, a dozen answers out of a dozen have been as follows: "She is a blonde, extremely pretty, has attractive blue eyes, a winning smile, an entirely innocent manner."

This is how the pair operate: He writes to a minister, attorney, or business man of your town and the letter is so worded that an answer will be forthcoming. That's all "Jim" wants—the signature of a responsible party. Shortly thereafter she appears and extends a check on a distant bank, which appears to bear the indorsement of the minister, business man, or the attorney. You consider the indorsement a true one, but the woman is a stranger and you prefer to safeguard yourself. So you take your phone in hand intending to communicate with the indorser in regard to the check. "There is no use telephoning to him," politely interrupts the smiling beauty, "he's not at home. He would have come here to identify me but he had an important engagement. He thought his indorsement would be sufficient." You desist and pon-

der. The woman is talking to you so steadily, she is so attractive, she is so pleasant—well, you cannot put your mind on the check. Finally you consider the





favor you would be doing the indorser—you are mechanically counting out the cash and handing it to the woman. Later you are notified by the bank upon which the check is drawn that it is bogus. You at once notify the minister or the business man of this and he promptly declares that he did not indorse the check for the woman in question. You are the victim. The indorsement is a perfect forgery. We reproduce a check bearing the forger's penmanship, also one of his letters.

Here's a reliable description of each. The woman appears 28 years of age 5 feet 8 inches, 110 pounds, is very slender; has light complexion, blue eyes, true blond hair; she is said to stutter a trifle and smokes cigarettes; recently wore a small black hat (peach basket), with gold lace trimming, a tight fitting black coat, a black dress, pleated, high waist with white silk collar; she uses much rouge. "Jim" is 40 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 155 pounds; of medium build, 'sallow complexion; has medium light hair which is very thin; goes smooth shaven; his face expresses constant worry; his features are drawn; he wore a dark soft hat, black short overcoat, black shoes, suit of brown mixture, white shirt with dark stripe.

### NEW YORK BANKS ATTACKED

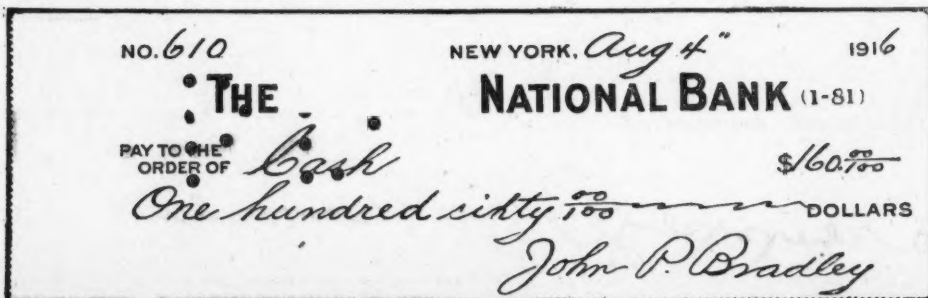
Beware of that "bearer" or "cash" check. It may be another sample of the handiwork of a clique of thieves and forgers who have united to defraud the banks of New York City.

The thieves break open letter boxes and steal letters from which they secure genuine checks. They then turn these checks over to a master penman who

*Henry Moore*

eradicates the payee's name and amount, replacing the word "Bearer" and filling in an amount five or ten times the original size of the check. Sometimes they even go so far as to forge the payee's indorsement. The work is too cleverly done to detect the altering or forgery. Then the checks are presented to you for payment. The signature is good—you hand out the cash. How many of your depositors are prepared to make a check payable to bearer in amount of two or three hundred? When you are given a "bearer" check to cash and it's "big," verify the transaction by simply phoning the payer. Three minutes thus spent may save you two or three hundred dollars. Beware of checks! The clique is planning a wholesale rampage. A reproduction of one of their checks accompanies this article. This check was originally made payable to a New York concern in amount of \$20. It was stolen from the latter's mailbox and changed to read as is shown. There was not the slightest blemish appearing on the check to allow the least suspicion that it had been tampered with. The bank readily gave the \$160 to the "bearer."

The city has likewise attracted another band who operate in practically the same way, except that they use the stolen checks as samples for forgeries and do not employ chemicals. This latter band in every instance have made their checks payable to cash and have been extremely partial to the amount—\$120. Accompanying is a sample of their penman's writing.



## ADVERTISING SPECIALIST SWINDLES

Man who made plans to print booklet for bank, secures advance on advertising and disappears

During January, one C. A. Sheppey visited a member bank at Concord, N. H., introducing himself as an advertising specialist. He displayed a small booklet titled, "Banking" and offered to print seven thousand copies for the bank at a cost of \$4 providing they would give him the right to obtain and print in the booklet the advertisements of local business houses, subject to the approval of the bank. Inasmuch as the booklet contained interesting information on practical banking, the president placed his order. On March 1, Sheppey again appeared at the bank. He stated that he had sent the booklet to press, the printing to be done by a firm at Providence, R. I. Previous to this visit he had advised the bank that he had secured ads from a dozen Concord concerns and that payment would be made to the bank which in turn would pay Sheppey. At this time Sheppey asked the bank to advance him a certain sum of money. He explained that the ads he had secured for their booklet would amount to much more than the advance requested. He obtained the desired funds. When the booklets and receipts of the advertising campaign failed to appear, the bank investigated and learned that Sheppey had secured no advertisements. They stood to lose the money advanced to Sheppey. The printers at Providence have written to the defrauded bank, "Let me assure you, please, of our innocence and unfortunate position in the matter. Mr. Sheppey came to us an entire stranger. As, I think, you will agree with me, his presence and his personality appealed to us. The business he brought to us was characterized, on his part, with method, care and apparently all sound business integrity. For a year we have done business with him and it has been seemingly all right. It is only since the first of January that he has proved himself to be unworthy of trust and confidence. We, unfortunately, are now placed in a position where we will lose from five hundred to eight hundred dollars. Our only connection with him was to print the booklet which he brought to us. To live true to our agreement we are finishing these booklets for four banks which were in process at the time a true revelation of Mr. Sheppey came to us."

According to our record this same man in June, 1910, defrauded a Hampton, Va., bank by like operation. In February, 1914, he also "caught" a member at Duluth, Minn. He is a swindler to be feared. Is 45 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, of stout build, smooth shaven; has red hair; wore glasses (has an unnatural squint), dresses neatly and appears as a man of business.

## SHORT CHANGE ARTIST WORKING

Indiana bank notifies of deft handed individual who endeavored to short change their teller

A bank at Elkhart, Ind., on April 5, furnished us with the following interesting information: "A very clever short-change game is being worked by a man about twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 8 inches in height, weighing about 130 lbs., and dark complexion. This party enters the bank bare-headed, giving the impression that he has just run in for change and in this instance worked the following trick. He asked for ten dollars worth of halves, four tens and a fifty in exchange for a hundred dollar bill, which were given him. Then he fishes another ten out of his vest pocket and says, 'Would you mind giving me a fifty for these five tens' which he starts to shove over the counter at the same time you start to give him a fifty. Then without letting loose of his money he remarks that he is sorry but if it isn't too much bother he would like to have his hundred back and shoves his five tens and the fifty which you have just placed on the counter, in exchange for the hundred. We presume that immediately after leaving the building he probably pulls a cap from under his coat or out of his pocket and puts it on, thereby making himself less conspicuous."

## LOST BILLS OF LADING

A New York bank reports that sixteen bills of lading for the same number of cars of malt, shipped by Badger State Malt Co., Chicago, consigned to their order and indorsed by them in blank, were lost or stolen on Monday night or Tuesday morning, April 15 or 17, from the office of Mediterranean Trading Co., 29 Broadway, New York. Bills of lading are marked "Notify Mediterranean Trading Co."

JOHN AREENO, Italian, is mentioned in a warrant sworn to by a member at Kankakee, Ill., charging forgery. It is alleged that this man stole the savings deposit book of a customer of the bank and forged the latter's signature to a withdrawal order of \$215, which he presented at the bank and secured the stated funds. Areeno, appearing as a common laborer, is 23 years, 5 feet, 130 pounds; has chestnut hair, light complexion; is full faced. The Chicago office of our agents holds a warrant.

C. H. BAKER is reported by an Arkansas member as having defrauded them in the cashing of a check against the Hamilton National Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn. The check is on the supposed form of the Mutual Advertising & Special Sale Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., signed H. W. Williams, general manager, made payable to C. H. Baker. It is pronounced by the Chattanooga bank as bogus.

*C. A. Sheppey*

*C. H. Baker*

CHARLES BENTON, by impersonating a depositor and forging the latter's signature to a \$75 check,

was recently enabled to defraud a member at Salina, Kan. He was employed at one time by the depositor in question. Is 45 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds.

L. G. BRICKEY at one time had an account with the John Weedman National Bank, Farmer City, Ill. This was quite a while back. This, however, did not deter him from presenting a draft drawn on this bank to a member at Columbia, Mo., who cashed same for him, thereby being defrauded to the extent of \$25. Brickey is 30 years, 6 feet, 185 pounds, of medium build; has ruddy complexion, light brown hair. He poses as a race-horse man and at one time was a horse-race starter.

C. J. BURNELL, carpenter, is wanted by a member at Durango, Colo., on a complaint of defrauding by forged checks. The Colorado authorities will extradite this man. Will any reader who has information as to the whereabouts of Burnell kindly inform us? He is 31 years, 6 feet, 200 pounds, of heavy build; has dark hair, thick brown mustache.

E. D. CADDEL is mentioned in a warrant sworn to by a member at Alturas, Cal., and held by the sheriff of Modoc County, Cal. This bank declares that Caddel victimized them by disposing of horses on which they held mortgage. He is 46 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 155 pounds; has blue eyes, sandy hair; is a farmer. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association by financing an investigation.

L. S. COLE, alias Lester Cole, has defrauded a member at Westminster, S. C., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 5 feet 6 inches, 175 pounds; has light sandy hair, florid complexion. An affliction of the right hand has stiffened several fingers.

HORACE DeALLEN, registering from Louisville, Ky., has swindled a member at Evansville, Ind., by check to which he forged the indorsement of a local furniture dealer. He also "beat" a local hotel of a board bill.

E. D. ENGLAND has swindled a member at Ringling, Okla., out of a sum of money by passing a forged check.

F. P. FAULKNER, through a stock swindle has victimized a broker at Chicago, Ill. Faulkner represented that he had 5,000 shares of Cresson Gold Mine stock on which he sought a loan.

JOE DAVID HARRIS, known in railroad terms as a "boomer," has used also the name L. P. Harris, is wanted at Peoria, Ill., on a warrant sworn to by a local member. Harris succeeded in victimizing this bank by bogus note. He is 37 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds; has blue eyes, light brown hair, appearance of a laborer.

L. R. HERRINGTON. A member of Renwick, Ia., recently cashed a draft for this man, drawn on H. Lefebure & Sons, Fairfax, Ia. It was returned unpaid. Lefebure states that during late March, Herrington called upon him in quest of work as a seller of stallions. He was informed that this company employed no salesmen, but when he notified Lefebure that he had a fair proposition in view at Renwick, he was told that a 10 per cent. commission would be given him per sale. This company firmly repudiated Herrington's right to

draw draft upon them. The bank is therefore loser. The operator is 40 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds; has a large full face; several gold teeth.

J. T. HOLLOWAY, known also as J. T. Jackson, bartender, has put to loss a member at Duncan, Ariz., by worthless check of \$50 drawn on a non-existing bank of Kansas City, Mo. He has tended bar in several towns of New Mexico. Sheriff at Duncan holds warrant. Holloway is 5 feet 8 inches; has blue eyes, florid complexion, full face; dark hair which he parts at center; is smooth shaven.

H. D. HORN has fleeced a member at Ringling, Okla., of \$415 by a mortgage swindle.

*H D Horn*

JAMES KARAPOS, Greek, has fleeced an Iowa member out of a large sum of money by obtaining a savings book of a depositor, forging the latter's signature to a withdrawal slip and securing from the bank the complete amount on deposit. Karapos has left that town and a vigorous search for him is now under way. He has been employed in a tile factory. Is 30 years, 6 feet, 190 pounds, of good build; has dark complexion, hair and eyes; leans to right side when walking. The Chicago office of our detective agents holds warrant for arrest of Karapos. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in the financing of an investigation.



EUGENE P. KELLEHER

EUGENE KELLEHER, son of a San Francisco tailor, is sought by our agents for the fleecing of a Los Angeles member. Young Kelleher forged a depositor's signature to a check, cashed it through a local individual, and when it was presented at the bank it was not detected as a forgery and paid. The father declares that his son was recently arrested at Fresno, Cal., for bogus check passing but he came to his aid by settling with the victims and obtaining the boy's release. He brands his son as a lover of the gay life. The California Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in financing an investigation. Kelleher is 25 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds; has dark complexion, hair and eyes. (Reprint from our February, 1917, issue, page 117.)



GEORGE LEWIS. On March 15 a member at Hattiesburg, Miss., received a telegram reading, "Waive identification, and pay George Lewis one hundred dollars, we remit" (Signed Merchants & Farmers Bank, Meridian, Miss.). On the morning following an individual representing himself as George Lewis called at the bank with a telegram addressed to George Lewis, instructing him to call and get his money. This telegram was likewise signed "Merchants & Farmers Bank." The American Bankers Association code was not used in the message received by the bank. Nevertheless they accommodated Lewis on the theory that the transaction was arranged in Meridian after the bank's code had been locked in their vault. (The telegram was timed after banking hours.) It was proved later that this entire transaction was a fraud, the Meridian bank being entirely ignorant of the affair. "George Lewis" is about 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 125 pounds; has sandy hair, sallow complexion.

E. O'CALLAHAN, employee of a music house at Oakland, Cal., during March, succeeded in having the cashier of his firm indorse a two hundred dollar check for him which he later cashed at a local member bank. The check was returned as worthless. O'Callahan is sought by our agents in behalf of the California Bankers Association through the interests of their member at Oakland. He is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds; has dark brown hair, quite bald.

*E. O'Callahan*

A. W. PARK, alias Gilbert H. White, bond salesman, has defrauded a member in New York State near Albany. Park, using the name of White, a reliable business man, called on the member and claimed to be a representative of the Duquesne Bond Corporation of Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and New York. He was a very convincing talker, and readily impressed the member as to his reliability. After gaining the member's confidence, he presented what purported to be an expense check of the above mentioned corporation. This check was paid by the bank and has been returned as a forgery. The Duquesne Bond Corporation branded this party as an imposter, and stated he is not connected with them in any capacity. Park is 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 190 to 200 pounds, athletic build, sallow complexion, high brow, and square jaw.

C. B. ROBERTS, known also as Brady, has swindled a Colorado member out of \$100. On November 4, 1916, this bank loaned that amount to Roberts, taking as security three head of horses. When the note became due it was learned that Roberts had left the vicinity and that the horses he mortgaged were not his property. Sheriff at La Junta, Colo., holds warrant and will extradite.

ROBERT G. SIMMS. A check drawn on the State Bank of Chicago, made payable to Robert G. Simms, signed Harold Baum, was cashed recently by a Chicago member. It proved bogus. A warrant is now held at Chicago for the arrest of Robert G. Simms. He is a mulatto, 18 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 120 pounds.

EDWARD SOKOLOWITZ, alias Eddie Sakolove, has victimized a member at Boston, Mass., by cashing two bogus checks to which he had forged his father's

(a depositor) signature. The checks are drawn on the Lawrence Trust Co., Lawrence, Mass. Sokolowitz, who is but a youth, is a faithful patronizer of pool halls and bowling alleys. Our agents are conducting an active search for Sokolowitz in behalf of the defrauded member.

*Edward Sakolove*

C. C. STEPHENS. Warrant is held at Oatman, Ariz., sworn to by a local member for one C. C. Stephens. This fellow is said to have victimized the bank by cashing a check to which he had forged the signature of the secretary of the Cooks & Waiters Union. Is 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds, of florid complexion.

JOE SUSSMAN, alias H. H. Wallman, is sought by our agents for defrauding a member at Portland, Ore., by bogus check drawn on the U. S. National, Portland. Sussman is 30 years, of medium height and weight, has full face, ruddy complexion, appearance of a laborer. He speaks with a foreign accent. The Oregon Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association by financing an investigation of this case.

*Joe Sussman*

ARTHUR LEROY TERRELL on February 2 succeeded in defrauding an Illinois member by passing upon them a bogus check to which he had forged the indorsement of his grandmother. The latter resides at Warsaw, Ill., and it was purely upon her supposed indorsement that the check drawn upon the State Bank of Omaha, Neb., was cashed. Terrell operated also at Belvidere, S. D., where he realized funds on two similar checks. He is 23 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 150 to 160 pounds, of dark complexion; has dark hair, brown eyes; is slightly deaf; has exceptionally thick lips.

*Arthur L. Terrell*

L. TIPPINS has fleeced a member at Sanford, Fla., by bogus check. He recently stated to the bank that he was employed by one of their depositors and asked to have cash on a check drawn against a Glennville, Ga., bank. He was directed to secure the depositor's indorsement, whereupon he asked permission to call the latter on the bank's phone. This was granted and in the presence of the cashier, Tippins talked with some one at the depositor's home. This off set any suspicion that the bank had of Tippins or his check and they consented to cash it for him without further delay. It was bogus. Tippins is 48 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 125 pounds; has blue eyes, light brown hair, small gray mustache, appearance of a farmer.

BILLY E. WARD, theatrical man, has fleeced a member at Miami, Okla., by worthless \$50 check on the Corn Exchange Bank, New York, N. Y. He came to Miami and made arrangements to stage a minstrel

for the local B. P. O. E. The secretary of this order, while conducting his daily business as cashier of the Miami member, passed upon Ward's check. The latter is 5 feet 8 inches, bald headed, of Hebrew appearances.

*Frank Edward*

LLOYD WATHEN, alias J. A. Safford, alias Claude Wathen, on March 31 opened an account at a Denver, Colo., member bank by depositing \$1. Several days later he deposited a check on the Silver State Bank, Denver, payable to Lloyd Wathen, signed J. A. Safford. Immediately he proceeded to draw against it. The check was returned as bogus. Another member at Denver was "caught" by this swindler in a similar operation. Wathen is 22 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 120 pounds, of slender build; has lean, smooth shaven face.

*Lloyd Wathen*

## GENERAL

### EL PASO ROBBERS AWAITING TRIAL

Men who secured \$1,764 are still held in custody pending court's action

In our March, 1917, issue we published an article on the arrest of the six men implicated in the hold-up and robbery of the Bank of El Paso, El Paso, Ark., perpetrated on February 12, 1917. We related how our agents had secured a confession from Jim Stone, one of the men, in which Stone "turned up" his pals; also that they secured an admission from Frank (Doc) Lemons and recovered \$542.50, Lemons' part of the loot. Through the latter's admission our agent was enabled also to recover \$1,090 from the wife of one of the offenders. For the interest of members and possible further identification by the authorities, we



FRANK (DOC) LEMONS

are reproducing photographs of four of the prisoners. Frank Lemons, alias "Doc," is 45 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 158 pounds; has dark brown hair, brown eyes; mole center of forehead above nose; scar on left side of face to right of eye. Sid Quattlebaum is 28 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds; has dark brown hair, blue eyes. John Quattlebaum is 31 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 171 pounds, of stout build; has dark hair, blue eyes. Arthur Quattlebaum is 19 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 130 pounds, of medium build; has brown hair.

HENRY ALLEN. A member at Bucyrus, Ohio, reports the operations of a bogus check swindler. They allege that he presented with his check a letter supposed to have been received by him from a branch of the U. S. Naval Department. He claimed to be in the government employ, his purpose at Bucyrus being, so he stated, to open a naval recruiting office. Allen's checks are drawn on the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C. He appeared in full naval uniform. On his cap there appeared the words, "U.S.S. Arizona," on the sleeve a bull's-eye with letter "E," indicating expert rifleman. From his conversation, it was readily evident that he was well versed in naval matters. Allen is 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds; has a prominent nose; there is a tattoo of a bracelet on each wrist with cameo design.

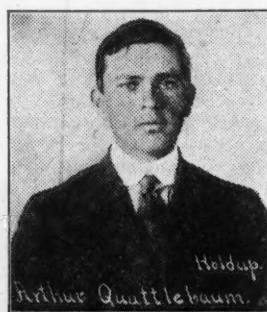
J. E. BARNES. Bogus checks made payable in this name on the Jefferson Bank, St. Louis, Mo., are



JOHN QUATTLEBAUM



SID QUATTLEBAUM



ARTHUR QUATTLEBAUM

being passed in small towns of Illinois. No banks have been attacked.

**F. A. BEARSE.** An individual at Denver, Colo., recently received an order for shares of oil stock from F. A. Bearse, North Liberty, Ind., together with check of \$100 on the North Liberty State Bank, North Liberty, Ind. This check proved bogus.

**WILLIAM BURKE,** alias William Morland, who recently endeavored to have a Kansas City, Mo., printer supply him with a batch of checks and letterheads for the Buffalo Investment Co., Buffalo, N. Y., was taken into custody at Kansas City by our agents and the local authorities. He confessed that he wanted these to use in a swindling tour. Was fined \$200 on a charge of vagrancy and turned over to the Municipal Farm, Kansas City, to work out this fine.

**E. B. CARRIER,** who represents himself as an engineer for the Southern Railway, is issuing worthless checks on the City National Bank, Evansville, Ind. He is 36 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 175 pounds.

**R. C. CLARK,** who travels with a gypsy camp, is reported by a Greenville, S. C., member as having defrauded a customer by passing a bogus certified \$50 check on the Union Trust Co., Albany, N. Y.

**JACK L. CONNELLY** and **HAZEL L. CONNELLY,** husband and wife were on April 4 arrested at Ogden, Utah, charged with passing bogus checks.

**J. J. COOK.** Bogus checks drawn on the Unaka National, Johnson City, Tenn., have been cashed at Selma, Ala., and Tremont, Neb. They are made payable to J. J. Cook and C. W. Young.

**NELL COOPER,** aliases, Nell Rae, Ruth Blivins, Nell Hopkins, Ethel Hawkins, is passing at Denver, Colo., bogus checks drawn on the German-American Trust Co., Denver. She is 40 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds. Merchants have suffered.

**E. J. DEERE** is reported by an El Paso, Tex., member as having fleeced a client out of \$150 by bogus check on the First National, Chicago. Deere claimed to be a partner and the son of John Deere, plow manufacturer of Moline, Ill. He is in no way connected with that concern. Is heavy set, 5 feet tall, dark complexion. Talked considerably of Mexican interests.

**EDWARD** and **ROY DeHOOG** on March 14 were arrested by the police of St. Louis, Mo., on information furnished by the police of Los Angeles, Cal. These men were returned to Los Angeles and positively identified as two of the three men who on February 14, 1917, held up and robbed of \$2,230.75 the Westlake Branch of the Home Savings Bank, Los Angeles, non-member of the Association. One Fred W. Hanford is said to be the third member of the hold-up band and is now sought by the authorities. Hanford is 32 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds; has dark hair and complexion. The California Bankers Association is striving to bring this case to a successful termination.

**CHARLES H. DOUGLAS** has victimized a clothing store at Lexington, Mass., by bogus \$25 check drawn on the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. He is 45 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds.

**GEORGE F. EMERY** has operated at Grand Junction, Colo., with forged checks. He is 50 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 150 pounds; appears to be a drug fiend.

**JOHN ERICKSON** was on March 17 arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., while endeavoring to defraud a local individual by bogus check. The local police pronounce him an old offender.

**B. L. FRASER** has defrauded merchants at Chickasha, Okla., by forged checks drawn on a local bank. He is an auto mechanic. Is 34 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds.

**LEE GOLD,** 20, has defrauded a hotel at Denver, Colo., by bogus check. He registered as from Denver. Is 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds.

**JOSEPH HANLEY,** alias John Conden, has been operating throughout Oklahoma and Missouri with bogus checks drawn on the Planters National, Tulsa, Okla. Hotels alone are his victims. He is 40 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds.

**H. H. HARDING.** Vermont hotels have been attacked by a man of this name who represents himself as a traveling salesman of the Taylor-Critchfield-Clague Co., 200 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass. He operates with checks of this concern (his own get-up), to which he forges the name of the treasurer and manager. Harding is 50 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build; has gray mixed hair.

**DANIEL F. HARRIS,** who sometime past victimized a member at San Francisco, Cal., by forged check, was later arrested and sentenced on a Federal charge to the Blackfort (Idaho) jail for a period of four months, has been sentenced under date of March 31 on the member's forgery complaint. He must now serve 18 months in the California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.

**A. C. HEARD.** Forged cashier's checks on the Scandinavian-American Bank, Seattle, Wash., have been cashed at St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo. They stand payable to A. C. Heard, in numbers of \$1,000.

**JOSEPH HOLLAND,** 60, on March 31 attempted to defraud a New York (N. Y.) merchant by bogus check on the Harriman National, New York. Is 5 feet 6 inches, 170 pounds.

**L. HUTCHINSON, JOHN AUSTIN** and **WILL SMITH** (negro) are under arrest at Dallas, Tex., following the \$115 robbery of the Citizens Bank (non-member of this Association), Reinhardt, Tex., on March 27. They have confessed their guilt. The work appears grossly amateur. The men drove to the bank by automobile. While Austin remained in the automobile, Hutchinson and the negro entered the bank. Hutchinson covered the cashier with a gun while Smith entered the vault and secured \$115. Then the cashier was forced into the vault and the door closed by Hutchinson, who, however, neglected to lock it. The robbers rode off toward Dallas. The cashier came out of the vault, notified the Dallas police, who dispatched men to Reinhardt. The arrest of the three men followed. Austin, 18, is an elevator operator, Hutchinson a "private detective."

**WILLIAM E. KELLY,** alias DeLong, Foxton, Archer, who has represented himself as connected with the U. S. Secret Service, was on March 27 ar-

rested at Providence, R. I., charged with having in his possession and attempting to pass forged government checks. He has operated in several Eastern states. Is 38 years, 6 feet, 180 pounds; lobe of his left ear is out of proportion and shriveled; index finger, left hand, has been cut off below second joint.

**FRANK MILLER**, 30, has passed upon a merchant at Oxnard, Cal., a check to which he forged the signature of a local bank depositor. Miller does blacksmith work. He is 5 feet 11 inches, 185 pounds. Warrant is held by the City Marshall, Oxnard, Cal.

**JAMES A. MILLS**, solicitor of new subscriptions for newspapers, has passed at Albany, N. Y., a bogus check on the National Bank of Delaware, Wilmington. Mills works out of Wilmington for the Philadelphia "North American." He is 30 years, 5 feet 9 inches, stout. Warrant is held at Albany for his arrest.

**J. C. MORRIS** by bogus checks on the Peoples Trust & Savings, Chicago, Ill., has recently fleeced several individuals of New Orleans, La. He represented himself as a traveling salesman of Chicago, also claimed to be in the taxicab business at Chicago.

**R. W. PIERCE**, alias Erherdt Weiland, has defrauded hotels in Minnesota and Wisconsin by bogus checks on the First and Security National, Minneapolis, purporting to be signed by the North West Type Manufacturing Co., Inc. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds.



**RALPH P. SHAW**

**RALPH P. SHAW.** In previous issues we related the operations of an individual who was traveling through several states negotiating bogus checks purporting to have been issued by the Massachusetts Insurance & Casualty Co., Accident and Health Department, Boston, Mass., also the American Casualty & Guarantee Co., New York. This man worked exclusively against merchants and appeared at their establishments with bandaged arm; this to support his declaration that he received the check following the injury to his arm. According to our records, he has worked successfully throughout Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Kansas. He was recently arrested at Beatrice, Neb., and has been returned to Kansas. He has used the names Ralph P. Shaw, Oscar A. Ward, Paul N. Curtis, William S. Elliott, Charles W. Cheney, Bert A. Wilcox. Grant Williams, Bruce Brice, Charles

G. Mead, Herbert B. Holly, W. A. Lyon, George West. It is apparent that this man had an accomplice in his operations. Shaw is 28 years, 5 feet 8 3-4 inches, 140 pounds, of medium build, has gray mixed hair.

**DAN SMITH.** A bogus service voucher on the New York Central R. R. Co. was recently cashed at New York, N. Y., by a negro of this name. Operator is 32 years, 6 feet, 175 pounds. This party was arrested under the name of Lauder, but was released owing to lack of evidence to convict.

**T. K. TOVEY.** Bogus checks have been received by the Union National, Pittsburgh, Pa., bearing the imprint, "The Neil Hotel Co., Columbus, O." The name T. K. Tovey is signed to same.

**VIVIAN TROTTERE** is reported by a New York, N. Y., member as having defrauded a client by bogus check. Vivian claimed to be a theatrical performer and purchased make-up with the checks. She is 33 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds.

**MRS. IDA C. WATSON**, alias Fostere, a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., who succeeded in defrauding a number of merchants in and around Philadelphia by bogus checks drawn on a Philadelphia bank, was arrested in Atlantic City, N. J., April 2. Mrs. Watson has since been adjudged insane, and will be brought back to Pennsylvania, and no doubt confined in the State Asylum at Norristown.

**LON WINEBARGER**, 22, has victimized a hotel at Fossil, Ore., by forged check. Sheriff at Fossil holds warrant. Winebarger is 5 feet 8 inches, 168 pounds; thumb of left hand is disfigured.

## ARRESTED

### HOLD-UP MAN SHOTS TELLER

Teller of Ohio bank saves funds of institution by defiant gun play with stranger

On April 6, shortly after the noon hour, while the Lorain Banking Co., Lorain, Ohio, was in the lone hands of Teller George Dick, a stranger entered, placed a dollar bill upon the teller's ledge and requested its equivalent in nickels. Dick immediately complied with the request, but the stranger did not go. Instead, he preferred to dally playfully with the coins. Dick resumed his work upon the payroll. When he looked up again, the stranger was swinging himself upon the partition. His intention was instantly evident to Dick. He grasped his revolver. At the same moment the stranger fired. The ball carried a tooth out of the teller's mouth. Stunned, but conscious, Dick returned the fire. In all, eight shots were fired—three by the would-be hold-up man and five by Dick. Not one struck its target. The stranger fled. The local police and our agents immediately put this case under investigation. Thomas Fotaff, 28, former Lorain taxicab driver, and Jack Burton, formerly employed at Lorain, were each, it is alleged, involved in the attempted rob-



bery. On April 16 the men were arrested at Akron, Ohio. Jack Burton is alleged to be the man who entered the bank and fired to kill. He is 28 to 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, of fair complexion; has black hair, dark eyes, long thick dark eyebrows. Fottaff is a Bulgarian, 26 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 165 pounds, of swarthy complexion; has black hair, brown eyes. The Akron police were advised by our agents that these parties were wanted, and consequently were later picked up by them.

## PROFESSIONAL FORGERS JAILED

**Men arrested at St. Joseph operated against several banks with forged checks**

The authorities of St. Joseph, Mo., have been successful in bringing about the apprehension of two check swindlers who have operated, as far as known, at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Golden, Colo.; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo. This is how the men worked: In one way or other they would secure letter heads of a legitimate firm, fill out a check made payable to the manager of such concern, indorse the check in the latter's name, then write as follows on the letter head: "Mr. Paying Teller (substituting here the name of the bank): Would you please cash the enclosed check for me which I am sending with boy. Please enclose cash in envelope." To this the signature of the manager would again be forged. The services of a messenger boy or street urchin would then be employed by the men, directing the boy to proceed to a designated spot upon securing the money, where he would be met and remunerated. They worked successfully against banks in the cities before mentioned. A strange instance in their operations is the fact that each check they "put across" was for the sum of \$98.50. They gave their names as Edward W. Tillian and Raymond J. Vance. Their arrest was accomplished by the officers through a "tip" given by the messenger boy they hired to promote their operations. The former is 24 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 148 pounds, of medium slim build; has brown eyes, medium brown hair. The latter, 19 years, 5 feet 9 1-2 inches, 125 pounds, of slim build; has dark blue eyes, dark brown hair. On March 26 Tillian was sentenced to three years and Vance to two years at the Missouri State Prison.

## FORGED CHECK TO "LIVE" HIGH

**Fair maid is arrested on day of victims' complaint, sentenced following morning**

MAURICE NEVILLE, who represented herself as a detective employed by the Anti-Auto Thief Association, has come to grief at Kansas City, Mo., following her successful perpetration of check frauds against two local members. On March 28 this woman opened an account at the banks by depositing checks drawn to her order, signed R. C. Howard, on the Home National, Arkansas City, Kan. She obtained check books and immediately went forth in Kansas City to scatter checks. In each instance these checks were honored when received at the banks, inasmuch as this was previous to the Arkansas City bank's notification that

*Maurice J. Neville*

the checks forwarded to them were rank forgeries. Our agents immediately proceeded with an investigation, and before a half hour had passed they succeeded in locating this woman in a local hotel. It was apparent that she was just about to hasten from the town when the detectives put in their appearance. One bank lost to the amount of \$92 and the other \$13. She was jailed, giving her true name as Mrs. Maurice Eunice Barnes. On March 31 she was tried and immediately pleaded guilty. "I wanted to have a good time, so I forged my uncle's name to those checks. I was sure he would protect me," was her explanation of her illegal transactions. It must now cost her the punishment of two years' confinement in the Missouri State Penitentiary. This case ought to go down in the records as an illustration of speedy detective and court work. On March 29 the case was reported to our agents. Before night on the day following the case was disposed of by the court and the prisoner sentenced. Commendable work for all concerned. This woman is 28 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 100 pounds, of medium build, fair complexion; has light brown hair (almost blonde), gray eyes.



C. BAILEY

C. BAILEY, alias Clarence Gould, on March 20 was arrested at Norfolk, Va., on information of the Protective Department, on a charge of passing bogus checks. This man in 1914 succeeded in victimizing by bogus check a member at Royal Oak, Mich. Warrant sworn to by this bank is now lodged against Bailey at Norfolk. He is referred to in our issues of November, 1914, page 312; July, 1915, page 13; March, 1916, page 142. He is 43 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds. We learned of Bailey's presence at Norfolk through the interest of a local member.

JOHN F. BRYANT. A member of La Salle, Ill., has reported the arrest of this man, declaring that he had victimized them by the cashing of a bogus check. He confessed also to many railway depot robberies, the securing of these express money orders and negotiating of same. He is known also as Ed. King, and is said to have served two terms in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet. Bryant will be vigorously prosecuted by this member.

ROBERT BURGDORF and AL. BROWN, 20 years of age respectively, are under arrest at New Orleans, La., following their attempt to fleece a local member bank by check to which they had forged their employer's (a depositor) signature. Brown presented the check for payment. It was made payable to cash in amount of \$400. The teller, however, detected the forgery and held Brown until the arrival of our agents. The latter then located Burgdorf on Brown's statement that Burgdorf was equally guilty. The bank will prosecute these youths to the fullest extent.

C. R. CHAMBERS, who has defrauded a member at Salt Lake City, Utah, by cashing two bogus checks, was on March 14 arrested at San Bernardino, Cal., on a charge of forgery perpetrated against a local merchant. Chambers is said to be a professional check swindler.

DONALD CHALMERS, who pretended to be traveling for a St. Louis, Mo., firm (The Yarrowdale Mfg. Co.) (?), selling vinegar, and put to loss a member at Hundred, W. Va., by passing a bogus check to which, it is alleged, he forged the indorsement of a local responsible individual, was on April 17 arrested at Wheeling, W. Va., by local officers. Chalmers' check was drawn on the German Bank of Wheeling, W. Va., by A. L. Hoover, Jr., payable to Donald Chalmers. He is said to have confessed to this charge, also to two similar operations at Parkersburg and Fairmont, W. Va.

A. E. DOBYNS, 30, who has put to loss a member at Oklahoma City, Okla., by negotiating a note to which he had forged the indorsement of a local business man, was on March 27 arrested at Harrisburg, Okla., by our agents and a deputy, of Duncan, Okla. Dobyms had related to the teller that he had sickness at his home and was in need of funds. He declared that he would get a Mr. Smith's indorsement if satisfactory. He left the bank, then phoned back, representing himself as "Mr. Smith," and declaring that he had indorsed a note for A. E. Dobyms. The teller paid on the forged indorsement. Dobyms is 30 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 180 pounds; has light hair and complexion. He made full confession.

HOWARD FORTIMER. On March 22 a member at Windsor, Ill., reported to our agents that a man had written the cashier of their bank requesting her assistance in holding up the bank. Later he demanded that she have \$3,000 at a designated place on the Big Four Ry. tracks on the evening of March 22. The sheriff lay in hiding and when the man arrived at the appointed spot, he was captured. He confessed to our agents that he had written the letters. He gave his name as Howard Fortimer. Undoubtedly this man is a drug victim or mentally irresponsible. He is 15 years (appears older), 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds. He is very large for his age; has blue eyes, dark brown hair.

ELMER F. FREESE, who on March 20 secured \$50 from a member at Kansas City, Mo., on a draft to which he forged his father's signature, was arrested by our agents immediately upon his accepting the funds in question. The bank had previously learned that C. H. Freese, father to Elmer, was at SeCalla, Mo., at the time that Elmer first made request for this money. They notified our agents, who turned young Freese

over to the local authorities. A complete confession was made.

W. A. GREEN, alias A. L. Roach, who has swindled a member at Ringling, Okla., out of a sum of money by cashing a bogus check, was on March 29 arrested at Wirt, Okla., by our agents and a deputy sheriff of Ringling, Okla. Green confessed to swindling the bank. He is 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds; left foot is artificial. Acts as agent for a clothing firm.



ALLIE HAMMOND

ALLIE HAMMOND, who on February 21 attempted to defraud a member at Natrona, Pa., by depositing a bogus check and endeavoring to draw against it, was arrested during early March at Windber, Pa., for negotiating two bad checks locally. Perhaps every small town in the State of Pennsylvania has contributed to his ill-gotten purse. Hammond advertised love letters, fortune-telling books, remnants of silk and various other articles, and offered them by mail at prices ranging from ten to fifteen cents. He also advertised one hundred post cards for ten cents and when the victim would send the money, Hammond in turn would forward a large card on which were printed one hundred extremely small views. Recently, he operated with bogus certified checks on a Cresson, Pa., bank. He used also the aliases, A. C. West, Read, M. P. Woodland, Louis Lantzy, McCormack, Commons, H. H. Drake, W. A. Jennings, R. W. Black. He is an old offender, having at this office a record dating back to March, 1913. He has served time at Joliet, Ill., also the House of Correction, Chicago. The belief is prevalent that Hammond is mentally deranged. He is 23 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 125 pounds, of medium build. Bertillion measurements: 70.3 74.9 87.9 19.6 14.1 13.0 6.7 26.4 11.8 9.2 46.3 Journal Bulletin Supplements February, 1916, page 122; March, 1917, page 137.

F. H. HARRISOHN, known as the "insurance swindler," whose arrest is reported on page 141 of the March, 1917, Journal Supplement, was tried on March 30 at Santa Barbara, Cal., on a local member charge. Harrisohn acted as his own counsel, and succeeded in convincing the jury of his innocence. Our agents again became active, with the result that when Harrisohn walked from the court room to be a free man again, an officer from Calexico, Cal., was there to re-arrest him on a similar check charge of a Calexico member bank. He has been returned to that place for prosecution.

JAKE HELD, alias Roy Smith, who has victimized a member at Salt Lake City, Utah, by two checks

to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on March 20 arrested at Salt Lake City by our agents and the local sheriff. Held at once confessed to the forgeries and passing.

ALLIE HODGE, wanted by a member at Birmingham, Mich., for passing a check raised from \$2 to \$92, was on April 2 arrested at Manila, Ark., by our agents and a deputy of Blytheville, Ark. Hodge confessed. He is 20 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds.

E. N. HOLDEN, 30, wanted by a member at Clay, W. Va., on a charge that he has defrauded them in the cashing of a check to which he forged a depositor's signature, was on April 14 arrested by our agents at Akron, Ohio. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, of light complexion; has dark brown hair. He wears a pin and watch charm of the Knights of Pythias.

J. W. LEE, formerly employed by the Simplex Gas Plants Company, Chicago, Ill., who has victimized a member at Fort Wayne, Ind., in the cashing of a draft to which he had forged the indorsement of his former employers, was recently arrested at Cedar Falls, Iowa, through information furnished by our agents. He was known at the bank in question, because he had transacted business of the Gas Plants Company with them. At the time of the cashing of this draft they were unaware of his disconnection with the company. Lee, who has resided at Chicago, is 47 to 50 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, of stout build; has black hair and eyes; black mustache which is cut short and has white hairs at center.

WILL LEWIS, alias Johnnie Cain (negro), who fleeced a member at Hempstead, Tex., by cashing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was recently arrested by the local sheriff and confessed his guilt.

MACK A. OATES, mentioned in a warrant sworn to by a Birmingham, Ala., member, charging defrauding by forged telegram, was on March 31 arrested at Nashville, Tenn., by local officers upon information furnished by our agents. It is alleged that Oates forged his brother's name to two telegrams through which he defrauded the Birmingham bank to the extent of \$100. Oates is 45 years (appears older), 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds, slender, florid complexion as though caused by excessive liquor drinking, dark, bloodshot eyes; has a prominent nose.

EARL OWENS arrived at El Centro, Cal., from the Grand Canyon, Ariz., where he had been acting as guide. He readily secured employment on the ranch of an El Centronian, who at the end of a month's work gave Owens a check on a local member bank for his services. With this check as a specimen, Owens forged his employer's name to a check for \$125 and presented it at the bank. The latter demanded identification, whereupon Owens left the bank to return a few moments later with the young daughter of his employer. Ignorant, of course, of the nature of the check, she identified Owens and the check was paid. Following a trail that led through Texas, Arizona and California, Owens was finally captured at Los Angeles by our agents and two local deputies. He will be vigorously prosecuted. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association by financing an investigation.

WILLIAM G. POWELL, charged by a Philadelphia, Pa., member with having defrauded them in the cashing of a check to which he had forged the true owner's indorsement, was on March 30 arrested at Philadelphia by the local authorities and our agents. At the time of the arrest, Powell declared: "I was hard up for money, and I did not care if the check belonged to me or not."

E. G. RICE, alias George Carroll, alias John West, was arrested during early March at San Jose, Cal., by the local sheriff. He had victimized a resident by forged check. On Rice's person was found a passbook of a depositor of a member at Los Angeles, Cal. The Los Angeles bank was communicated with, whence it was determined that this man was the one sought by our agents for the bank in question. He had defrauded the bank by cashing several checks to which he had forged the signature of the depositor whose passbook was found upon him. This book was stolen from the depositor's overcoat while it lay unguarded in his auto. Rice is 24 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 118 pounds, of slender build; has blue eyes, light brown hair, large ears. He has served time at San Quentin, Cal.; Reno, Nev.; Joliet, Ill. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association by financing an investigation of this case.

I. T. ROBINETTE, auto mechanic, charged with having defrauded a member at Mt. Hope, W. Va., by forged check, was on April 9 arrested at Joliet, Ill. He has been a resident of Oak Hill, W. Va., for the past two or three years. Is 35 to 38 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds; dark hair, eyes and complexion.

PAT SAUS, who has put to loss a member of Lewiston, Mont., in the cashing of several checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature, was on March 26 arrested at Ovando, Mont., by our agents and the sheriff of Deer Lodge, Mont.

DAWN A. THOMPSON, newspaper man and scenario writer, on April 13 was arrested at Baltimore, Md., by our agents at the request of a local member bank whom he had defrauded by bogus checks. Thompson had opened an account at this bank by a deposit in cash, won the confidence of its officials, then deposited his bogus checks drawn on Philadelphia, Pa., banks, immediately drawing against them. He gave his address as 132 Coulter Ave., Ardmore, Pa., mentioning also that he could be found at the offices of the Diagraph Carbon Paper Co., Philadelphia. It is alleged that he is wanted also at New York, N. Y., for "jumping" hotel bills. Is 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 200 pounds; has light hair, blue eyes.

JACK WILLIAMS, alias John W. Devine, wanted at Kansas City, Mo., for bond forfeiture, has been arrested at Detroit, Mich., under the name of Arthur Leib. He has been returned to Kansas City. Some months ago Williams and an accomplice, Irene Curran, succeeded in victimizing a Kansas City member by cashing a forged check. They were arrested at Detroit, Mich., by our agents and promptly "jumped" their bail.

GEORGE YARGER, of Akron, Ohio, on March 24 was arrested at Akron. This followed his attempt to victimize the State Bank of Akron by savings withdrawal order to which he had forged his brother's signature.



nature. The bank detected the forgery and the arrest followed.

## REMOVED

### FORGER MEETS DEATH

Breaks from Alabama penitentiary in attempt to regain liberty, is fired upon and dies of wounds

J. L. LATHAM, known also as Saxon, Meriwether, Coles, etc., will never again molest the banks with spurious checks. On March 7, Latham pleaded guilty to several check charges and was immediately sentenced to five years in the Alabama State Penitentiary. On March 20, Latham and six fellow prisoners (three murderers), overpowered the wardens and escaped. Deputies rushed upon the men and at the close of the battle two of the murderers were dead, Latham severely wounded. He succumbed to his wounds a few hours later.

FRANK ALLEN, alias Walter C. Baker, attempted robbery, April 12, paroled; turned state's evidence.

OSCAR BARTHEL, forgery, March 8, California State Penitentiary, Folsom, 2 years.

DAVID G. BEECHING, forged checks, 6 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

WILLIAM C. BLOOMINGDALE, alleged forged bills of lading, released; insufficient evidence to convict.

HENRY BOEHMER, forgery, pleaded guilty, February 5, 2 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

C. R. CHAMBERS, bogus checks, 5 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

W. E. CLARK, alias Frederick J. Jenkins, forgery, convicted; sentenced to Louisiana State Prison. Escaped from this institution on August 14, 1916; is now a fugitive from justice.

LOUIS FAUST, forgery, convicted indeterminate term, Walf's Home, New Orleans.

ELMER F. FREESE, forged draft, March 22, plead guilty, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

C. C. GILLETTE, forgery, released.

F. C. GOOD, alias Charles Monroe, alias J. H. Crawford, forgery, March 29, 5 years, California State Penitentiary, Folsom.

THOMAS GOWRAN, attempted robbery, plead guilty, 1 to 14 years, Illinois State Prison, Joliet.

W. A. GREEN, alias A. L. Roach, bogus check, March 29, plead guilty, fined \$30 and costs.

SOL HARF, forgery, plead guilty, sentence suspended.

F. H. HARRISOHN, alleged check swindler March 30, acquitted. Harrisohn acted as his own counsel. He was then re-arrested through the activity of our agents for a member at Calexico, Cal.

JAMES C. HATELEY, forgery, March 20 plead guilty, 2 years probation.

GEORGE HUNT, forgery, plead guilty, March 26, 4 years, Texas State Penitentiary.

CARMINE LACOVARA, forgery, March 28, 1 year and 2 months imprisonment.

PAUL MACHETTE, alias Peter Owens, etc., forgery, April 5, plead guilty, 1 year, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

W. J. MAY, raised check, February 7, 1 to 20 years of hard labor, Ohio State Penitentiary.

JAMES A. MILLIGAN, alias James A. Miller, forgery, escaped.

THOMAS MURRAY, attempted robbery, plead guilty, 1 to 14 years, Illinois State Prison, Joliet.

MAURICE NEVILLE, forgery, March 30, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

MACK A. OATES, forged telegram, plead guilty; has begun serving a term of 200 days on the county roads.

CLARENCE OSBORNE, forgery, 2 to 20 years, Oregon State Penitentiary.

WILLIAM G. POWELL, forgery, released.

E. C. RICE, alias George Carroll, forgery, March 23, 4 years, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin.

E. B. ROBERTS, forgery, judged insane.

WILLIAM SETTLE, forgery, 2 to 20 years, Oregon State Penitentiary. Granted conditional pardon.

A. B. SMITH, alias George A. Bonelli, alias Dashley, forgery, March 16, tried on a murder charge, convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

EDWARD W. TILLIAN, forgery, March 26, 3 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

WILLIAM VALCANO, forgery, plead guilty, 2 years 6 months.

RAYMOND J. VANCE, forgery, March 26, 3 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

C. L. VAN HOOK, alias L. C. Brown, attempted swindle, March 28, 1 year, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

ERRET WARD, forged draft, returned to Nebraska State Penitentiary.

RALPH WEST, alias George Rowe, forgery, convicted at Laramie, Wyo., indeterminate term, Industrial School.

G. WICKHAM, raised check, March 14, plead guilty, 1 to 5 years, Oregon State Penitentiary. Secured immediate parole.

IRVING ZINAMAN, forgery, April 9, plead guilty, sentenced to Elmira Reformatory.

#### CORRECTION.

CHAS. ADAMS. On page 153 of the April issue we reported the arrest of Charles Adams in connection with the hold-up and robbery of the Farmers & Miners Bank, Oronogo, Mo. This information is in error as Adams evidently had no hand in the Oronogo deal nor was this arrest accomplished on that charge, he being held on a local charge. It was, however, through a "tip" given by Adams that the arrests of the four men implicated in the \$5,000 hold-up and robbery of the First National, Fairview, Mo., were accomplished. We are changing our statistics to read accordingly.



## AWAITING ACTION

## ALLEGED FORGERIES AND SWINDLES.

Armstrong, Jack, forgery, Ennis, Tex.  
 Bachrack, Morris, forgery, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
 Bailey, C., bogus check, Royal Oak, Mich.  
 Bishop, James G., forgery, New Haven, Conn.  
 Blankman, David, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Bowers, Alcid, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Briggs, Ell, forgery, Camden, N. J.  
 Broder, Otto F., forgery, Detroit, Mich.  
 Brown, Al., forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Bryant, John F., bogus check, La Salle, Ill.  
 Buckles, Charles, forgery, Caruthersville, Mo.  
 Bundy, H. C., forgery, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Burgdorf, Robert, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Burnell, Joe, mortgage swindle, Junction City, Kan.  
 Busby, Joe., mortgage swindle, Claremore, Okla.  
 Carroll, M. A., bogus checks, Detroit, Mich.  
 Chalmers, Donald, bogus check, Hundred, W. Va.  
 Chisholm, Frank, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Cohenour, R. V., raised check, Alderson, W. Va.  
 Cragin, George, forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Dabney, C. W., forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Davis, Harvie A., bogus check, Portland, Me.  
 Desmond, J. H., forged telegram, Henrietta, Tex.  
 Dobyns, A. E., forgery, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Dodson, C. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 East, Clarence, forgery, Nardin, Okla.  
 Eisler, Joseph Ellis, bogus check, New York, N. Y.  
 Fox, Harry, bogus check, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Friese, Harold, worthless check, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Goffney, Will, forgery, Oakland, Cal.  
 Gore, Robert, forgery, Madison, W. Va.  
 Gray, M. S., bogus draft, Sugarland, Tex.  
 Gray, Sandy, forgery, Forest City, N. C.  
 Hadley, Albert, forgery, Eugene, Ore.  
 Hall, Robert H., bogus check, Brownsville, Tex.  
 Hammond, Allie, bogus check, Natrona, Pa.  
 Hanscom, F. Augustus, bogus checks, Boston, Mass.  
 Harmon, Frank, forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Harrisohn, F. H., forgery, Calexico, Cal.  
 Held, Jake, forgery, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Herrick, H. L., forged drafts, New York, N. Y.  
 Hodge, Allie, raised check, Birmingham, Mich.  
 Holden, E. N., forgery, Clay, W. Va.  
 Johnson, Abraham, bogus check, McLeansboro, Ill.  
 Johnson, Clark, forgery, Canton, Miss.  
 Jones, Edward E., forgery, El Paso, Tex.  
 Jones, Mary, forgery, Galveston, Tex.  
 Judge, Johnnie, forgery, Rock Hill, S. C.  
 Klein, George, forgery, St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Kurz, Otto, mortgage swindle, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Langner, Mollie, swindle, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Lee, J. W., forgery, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Lewis, Charley, forgery, Marshall, Mo.  
 Lewis, Will, forgery, Hempstead, Tex.  
 Loehrs, Bernard, bogus check, Asbury Park, N. J.  
 McConnell, Ruel T., worthless drafts, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
 McQueen, Ed., forgery, Houston, Tex.  
 Markowitz, Elias, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Massey, W. B., forgery, Blytheville, Ark.

Mayes, J. S., worthless check, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
 Million, Gladys, forgery, New York, N. Y.  
 Moller, William J., forgery, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Moss, John William, forgery, Columbia, Mo.  
 Owens, Earl, forgery, El Centro, Cal.  
 Peterson, Lawrence, forgery, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Pritchard, R. E., mortgage swindle, Haskell, Okla.  
 Ragain, Fred, forgery, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Real, Abraham, forgery, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Rhyme, Amanda, forgery, Floral City, Fla.  
 Richardson, F. L., forgeries, Boston, Mass.  
 Riche, A. L., swindle, Boston, Mass.  
 Robinette, I. T., forgery, Mt. Hope, W. Va.  
 Roeder, Albert, forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Rogers, Bosman, forgery, Webb City, Mo.  
 Rudd, Harry, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Saus, Pat, forgery, Lewiston, Mont.  
 Shepard, Howard Wade, bogus check, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Slater, James, bogus checks, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Sisco, Maurice, forgery, Battle Creek, Mich.  
 Smith, Archie, forgery, Vandergrift, Pa.  
 Smith, Huntington, forgery, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Socwell, Wm. H., swindle, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Somstrom, Fred W., forgery, Wallingford, Conn.  
 Stevens, George S., forgery, Boston, Mass.  
 Stone, Cecil, forgery, Charleston, W. Va.  
 Storey, Luther, forgery, New Orleans, La.  
 Thayer, Charles S., forged note, Utica, N. Y.  
 Thompson, Dawn A., bogus check, Baltimore, Md.  
 Tiley, E. L., bogus check, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Tisor, Carl R., accomplice of swindler, Forsyth, Mont.  
 Tomalo, Jan, forgery, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Tongs, Jasper, forgery, Hope, Ark.  
 Vona, Joseph M., bogus check, New York, N. Y.  
 Ward, Charles C., forgery, Chicago, Ill.  
 Washington, Dennis, forgery, Huntsville, Tex.  
 Weil, M. L., worthless draft, Elko, Nev.  
 Weir, Robert John, worthless checks, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Williams, Albertha, forgery, Jackson, Miss.  
 Williams, Jack, forgery, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Willis, G. S., bogus check, Brooksville, Fla.  
 Woodhouse, Sidney, forgery, Hillsboro, Ore.  
 Yarger, George, forgery, Akron, O.

## BURGLARS AND HOLD-UP ROBBERS

Alderman, Hugh, hold-up, Homestead, Fla.  
 Ashley, John, hold-up, Stuart, Fla.  
 Bergens, J. W., robbery and murder, Point, Tex.  
 Burton, Jack, attempted robbery, Lorain, O.  
 Carruthers, Andy, alleged robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Carsen, Grady, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Close, Rea, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.  
 Carden, Julius, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
 Fortimer, Howard, contemplated robbery, Windsor, Ill.  
 Fotaff, Thomas, attempted robbery, Lorain, O.  
 Jenkins, H. P., robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 King, Norval S., hold-up, Englewood, Colo.  
 Lemons, Doc, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Littrell, Jess, hold-up, Harrah, Okla.  
 McKinney, Calvin, robbery, Crowder, Okla.  
 Marvin, Harold, robbery, Oronogo, Mo.

Quattlebaum, Arthur, robbery, El Paso, Ark.

Quattlebaum, John, robbery, El Paso, Ark.

Quattlebaum, Sid, robbery, El Paso, Ark.

Rankin, Charles, hold-up and robbery, Boswell, Okla.

Shirack, Alvin, robbery, Wilson, Kan.

Smith, Frank, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.

Stone, Jim, robbery, El Paso, Ark.

Whittenberg, Ray, suspected robbery, Maize, Kan.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial, August 31, 1916	Arrested since August 31, 1916	Arrests in April, 1917	Total	Convicted	Discharged or ac- quitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane, or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers .....	99	195	28	223	151	53	16	102
Burglars .....		9		9	2	7		
Hold-up robbers ....	14	45	3	48	32	5	1	24
	113	249	31	280	185	65	17	126

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Johnson, Albert C., hold-up and robbery, Oronogo, Mo.  
 King, Norval S., hold-up, Englewood, Colo.  
 Lemons, Doc, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Littrell, Jess, hold-up, Harrah, Okla.  
 McKinney, Calvin, robbery, Crowder, Okla.  
 Marvin, Harold, robbery, Oronogo, Mo.  
 Murray, Thomas, attempted robbery, Lockport, Ill.  
 Quattlebaum, Arthur, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Quattlebaum, John, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Quattlebaum, Sid, robbery, El Paso, Ark.  
 Rankin, Charles, hold-up and robbery, Boswell, Okla.  
 Shirack, Alvin, robbery, Wilson, Kan.  
 Smith, Frank, hold-up, Heavener, Okla.  
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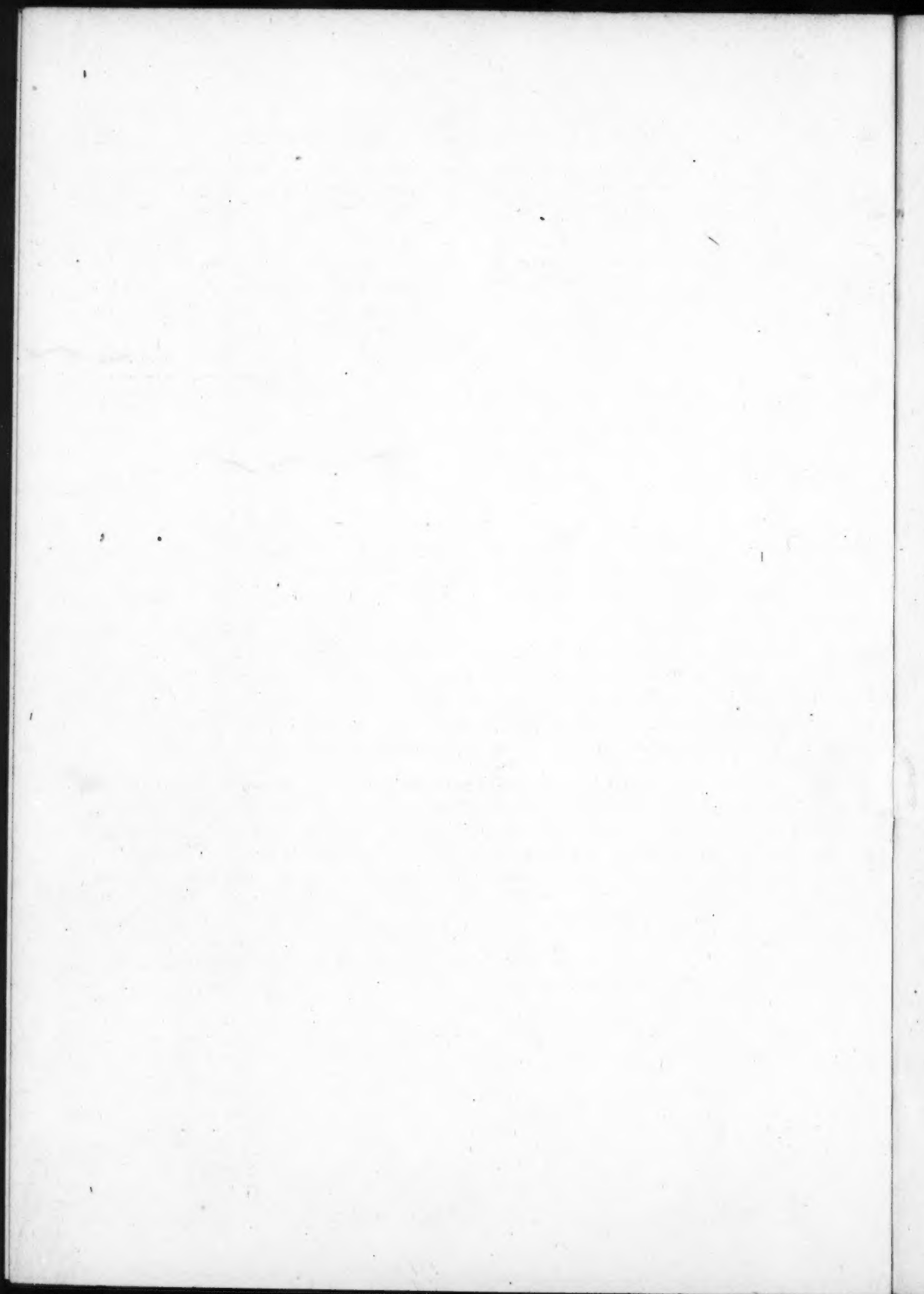
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Forgers .....	99	162	33	195	122	49	13	110
Burglars .....	..	9	..	9	2	7	..	..
Hold-up robbers ....	14	39	7	46	28	6	1	25
	113	210	40	250	152	62	14	135

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.  
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Bldg.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE.—Special Representative, C. E. Sears, c/o Hotel Albert.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—Transportation Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Whitney Central Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
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MINNESOTA, ST. PAUL.—New York Life Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exch. Building.  
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, A. B. Cooper, 908 Colcord Building.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.

RHODE ISLAND, PROVIDENCE.—Providence Journal Building.  
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TEXAS, DALLAS.—Special Representative, P. R. Schumacher, 601 Young Street.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Beatty Building.  
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—Special Representative, Wm. Duffy, 534 South 2nd East Street.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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ENGLAND, London, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

L. W. GAMMON, MANAGER  
Five Nassau Street, New York

## MAY PROTECTIVE WORK

### TELLERS, BEWARE!

GIVE THIS YOUR BEST ATTENTION.

The blonde operator is planning a call upon your institution. Her calling card is a check issued upon some out-of-town bank. For identification purposes it bears the forged indorsement of one of your prominent business men.

Save your bank and others from loss by detaining this smiling, blue-eyed real blonde. Call the business man by telephone and verify his signature.

Warrants have been issued in a dozen states. Arrest her and notify the nearest office of our detective agents; they will do the rest.

She is 28; 5 feet 8; 110 lbs.; slender build; fair complexion, blue eyes, BLONDE hair; very pleasant smile and pleasing appearance.

AID US IN OUR ENDEAVORS.

### WARNING

#### OLD OFFENDER AGAIN ACTIVE

Man of records comes to light again. This time at Philadelphia, where he strips a local bank

GEORGE R. SALISBURY, bank swindler of old, is on the warpath. On May 1 he approached a member at Philadelphia, Pa., and deposited a check of \$150 to his order on the Liberty National, Tulsa, Okla. Salisbury claimed to be from Tulsa. At his side was a local business man known to the bank. The latter declared Salisbury had taken office room with him. Salisbury almost immediately drew a \$100 check on his new account and received the cash. A cold reception awaited Salisbury's check at Tulsa. He posed as an accountant and lecturer of religion and encouraged the respect and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. He is known as L. M. Hunter, John C. Huntington, A. C. Curtis, J. Colby Harrington, A. J. Howard, C. C. Clawson, etc. He was arrested at

Fond-du-Lac, Wis., 1903; Terre Haute, Ind., 1908; Louisville, Ky., 1908; Havre-de-Grace, Md., 1910; Lynchburg, Va., 1912; Hamburg, Pa., 1913; McKeesport, Pa., 1913. His terms of punishment have been as many as his arrests. For the past fourteen years Salisbury has traveled extensively throughout the



GEORGE R. SALISBURY

United States. He has usually represented himself as a capitalist and manufacturer. Banks have been the favorite pickings in his swindling endeavors. Members would do well to form a facial acquaintance with Salisbury. He is 39 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds; has blue eyes, dark brown hair. Bertillon: 79.8 86.0 90.2 19.5 15.7 13.9 7.7 4.7 28.0 12.0 6.4 48.5.

*G. R. Salisbury*

### RAISE \$8 DRAFTS TO \$80

We have been advised by a member at Chester, S. C., that several individuals are operating in their vicinity who buy cashier or New York checks (drafts) in amount of \$8.00 and cleverly raise them to read \$80.00. Detain any stranger who attempts to purchase such checks in this amount, who cannot thoroughly satisfy you as to his identity and good standing. Then call in your police for immediate action. After this has been done, kindly notify the Protective Department of the Association or the nearest office of our detective agents.

WALTER ALEXANDER, 27, of Leavenworth, Kan., recently put to loss a local member by cashing a check drawn against the First National, Leavenworth, which was returned as bogus. Alexander comes of a highly thought-of family and has in the past conducted occasional business with the bank. This is the only instance where his transactions assumed an irregular nature. He is 27 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds; has dark hair, florid complexion; face is rough and pimpled; is tongue-tied.



HOWARD BECK

HOWARD BECK, during April, cashed a check at a Findlay, Ohio, member bank. Beck was known at the bank, having carried an account there at one time, consequently this check was cashed without question. It was returned by a bank at North Baltimore, Ohio, as bogus. At the latter bank, Beck had opened an account at this time with check drawn on Findlay. He had gone forth in North Baltimore and scattered numerous checks. On April 23, a merchant called at the North Baltimore bank with a check Beck had given him. The latter bank phoned to Findlay to ascertain the character of Beck's check deposited with them, and while this call was in Beck himself came into the bank to cash a check against his account. The bank advised him that they were calling Findlay, and Beck waited. When word was received that his check was bogus, Beck registered great surprise, declaring that if he were given a few hours he would straighten the matter out. Beck got into the auto of one John Wilt, partner of the merchant, and the trip to Findlay, where Beck was to get enough cash to cover the check, was begun. When well out of town, Beck drew a revolver and covering Wilt, demanded the latter to take a route he (Beck) prescribed. Wilt complied for a time, but when he

made a move to get assistance, Beck fired. The ball struck Wilt back of the shoulder. It went through and lodged against the breast bone. At the present time Wilt is in a serious condition, as the bullet cannot be removed. Beck took the wheel and drove off. He is still uncaptured. This photo was taken at the Mansfield, Ohio, penitentiary, in which institution Beck has served a term for blackmailing a farmer. He is 19 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 to 170 pounds, of medium build; has light chestnut hair, blue eyes; is a carpenter by trade.

ADAM V. BELL has fleeced a member at New Orleans, La., by bogus check on the Security National, Pasadena, Cal. He is 25 years, 5 feet 5 inches, 130 pounds; has dark hair, eyes and complexion.

R. A. BLUM, typical Dutchman, has fleeced a member of the Iowa Bankers Association at Des Moines, Iowa, by cashing a check bearing a forged signature. Blum is 60 to 65 years, 5 feet 7 inches, of heavy build; is married; has a pleasant countenance, has white hair, large mouth and thick lips.

C. E. BRANDES is wanted by a member at Detroit, Mich., on the alleged charge of having defrauded them by passing a draft to which had been forged the indorsement of a responsible local individual. Brandes is 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, of medium, stout build; is of dissipated appearance and gambles.

W. A. BROWN, posing as an aviator and exhibiting a passport with reproduction of his picture, has opened accounts at New York, N. Y., banks with bogus checks on the Colonial Bank, New York City, and the Peoples State Bank, Detroit, Mich. He secures check-books and then proceeds to wage a swindling crusade upon merchants. Brown is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 145 to 150 pounds.

AL. BRYANT is wanted on a warrant sworn to by a Morris, Okla., member charging forgery. It is said that Bryant forged a depositor's name to a check which he cashed outside the bank but which was not detected and was paid by the member. The latter therefore suffered the loss. Bryant is 30 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds; has black hair and eyes, dark complexion; is smooth shaven.

EUGENE BYRD (negro) is wanted by a member in Kansas City, Mo., it being alleged that he victimized them in the securing of funds by forged letter and stolen passbook. Is 35 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 130 pounds.

FRANK CLARK. On March 24, this individual as J. A. Clark appeared at a bank of Sealy, Tex. He was introduced by a local real estate man whom Clark had approached in his alleged desire to purchase a local tract of land on which he hoped to settle. Clark displayed several certified checks on a bank at Bozeman, Mont., amounting in all to \$55,350. He claimed that these were for his two farms and cattle that he had sold in Bozeman. With these checks, excepting one, he desired to open an account at the Sealy bank. The remaining \$350 check he preferred to cash, if the bank would oblige him. Of course they would oblige. All of the checks were later returned to the bank as bogus and bearing forged certification stamps. On May 12, 1914, as F. Williams, he operated in a similar manner at Alliance, Neb. In this case the real estate

man, and not the bank, lost \$250. During late May, as F. Williams, he worked at Cheyenne, Wyo., but a wide-awake bank effected his apprehension before he could leave town. He was returned to Alliance, confessed



FRANK CLARK

to his swindle there, and was sentenced from one to twenty years in the State penitentiary. He served but one year of this term. About the middle of December, 1916, he appeared at Fresno, Cal., and resumed his operations. He was attired in rough and unclean clothes and readily impressed all those he approached as a man of means regardless of his outward appearance. The local banks, however, ascertained that his checks were forgeries, notified their sheriff, and Frank Clark was again a prisoner. He was released on habeas corpus proceedings. Previous to this, he operated also at San Bernardino, Cal. On April 23, a member at Tulsa, Okla., forwarded to our agents a certified check on El Monte, Cal., payable to Joseph Bailey. They stated that Bailey presented this check to them along with a number of other small checks on the same bank with a statement that he had recently sold property in California for \$375,000. Our agents recognized this check as the work of Frank Clark. He is therefore now at liberty and operating, and consequently members are in danger. Clark, alias M. Walters, alias W. A. Cunningham, alias H. C. Coldwell, is 56 years (appears 47), 5 feet 8 1-2 inches, 165 pounds; has blue eyes, brown hair (graying), medium ruddy complexion. Finger prints: 5-18 R-R 0-0=19. He has been referred to in the Journal Supplement of February, 1917, pages 119-120.

*J. A. Clark*

*Ten Thousand*

H. H. COLWELL, alias Herbert Harold, is wanted by a member at Plainview, Tex., on a charge of forgery. Colwell is said, in a confession made to local authorities by one Mrs. R. C. Hardy, to have prompted her to forge and pass two checks at the bank in question. He is 20 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 130 pounds; has worked as a soda "jerker."

CHARLES CUSAK, known also as Adams Cusak, Russian, is alleged to be the individual who has put to loss a member at Worcester, Mass., by cashing an order to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He roomed in the same house as the latter, is said to have taken the depositor's passbook from a trunk, using it to identify himself as the depositor, then replaced it in the trunk. Cusak is 35 years, 6 feet, 190 pounds, heavy and muscular; has sandy hair and mustache.

N. B. DAVIS. A member at Parkersburg, Iowa, has reported that this man on May 14 defrauded them in the cashing of a bogus draft. Is 65 years, 5 feet 10 inches, stoop-shouldered, walks with limp; has dark hair, mixed with gray.

WALTER ENLOE, oil man, by cashing a draft at a member bank of Atoka, Okla., has put that bank to loss, inasmuch as the draft was entirely fictitious. Enloe is 45 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of slender build; has gray eyes, gray hair.

A. SELLEK is alleged to have defrauded a member at Fremont, Neb., by forged check. Sellek is 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build; is a mechanic.



FRED FALLS

FRED FALLS is sought by our agents. While employed by a farmer at Corwith, Ia., who is a customer of a Corwith member bank, Falls forged the farmer's signature to a check which he passed at a local restaurant. The forgery was not discovered by the bank, which refunded to the restaurant dealer and is therefore loser. Falls is 25 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140-150 pounds, of medium slim build, dark complexion. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this case by sharing the financing of an investigation. Falls, alias Charles Via, has served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary for burglary. Bertillon: 75.3 81.0 93.0 18.3 15.5 13.9 6.2 26.0 11.7 8.8 47.5.

JACK GARDNER, alias Roy Morrison, alias Holt, alias Wilson, is wanted by a member at Santa Ana, Cal., on a charge of forgery. The California Bankers Association who is co-operating with us by financing an investigation, offers a reward of \$25 for the operator's arrest. Gardner is 25 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds; has lean face, blue gray eyes; has done ranch work at Santa Ana.

HUGH HENDERSON, recently manager of the Vermillion County Telephone Co., at Ridgefarm, Ill., is said by a local member to have put them to loss by two notes amounting to \$550 to which he forged his



mother-in-law's signature. Henderson is 30 years, 6 feet, 175 pounds, of slim build; has light hair, gray blue eyes.

**J. C. HOWARD** is wanted by a member at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on a charge of defrauding by forged check. Howard succeeded in cashing at a Bonners Ferry pool hall a check to which he had forged the signature of a depositor of the member bank. Later it was paid as valid by the bank, which thereupon became loser. Howard is 38 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds; limps in left leg; can perform the duties of a butcher, sheepherder, camp cook and lumberman.

**J. W. HUMPHREY.** On May 11 this man presented to a Wilmington, N. C., member a draft for \$500 on the Philadelphia National, Philadelphia, purporting to be issued by R. M. Hollingshead Co. (oil and greases), Camden, N. J. Previous to his call, the Wilmington bank had received a telegram supposedly from the aforesaid company, requesting the bank to honor a \$500 draft to be presented by J. W. Humphrey. When the latter called at the bank, he exhibited several alleged samples and pieces of correspondence of this company, whereupon the cash was turned over to him. The Philadelphia institution protested the draft, whereupon R. M. Hollingshead Co. was communicated with. They declared they had sent no telegram to the bank and that J. W. Humphrey was in no way connected with them. A warrant for Humphrey's arrest is now held at Wilmington. He is 33 years, 6 feet 1 inch, 185 pounds; has light hair, thin on top; presents a businesslike and pleasing appearance.

**ROBERT KENNEY**, alias John Henney, alias John Henry King, has put to loss a member at Hempstead, Tex., by forged checks. He is 23 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 185 pounds; has dark complexion, dark hair.



JOHN LEAHY, JR.

**JOHN LEAHY, JR.**, is wanted by a member at San Francisco, Cal., on a charge of having passed several checks, to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He is 35 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 175 lbs.; has dark small eyes, dark hair (slightly bald), limps slightly, upper teeth protrude, lips.

**ROBERT LONG** has victimized a member at Denver. During the past month he opened an account at the bank by depositing \$1. A few days later he pre-

sented a \$48 check, purporting to bear the signature of a local business man. Long pronounced this a pay check. Forty dollars was given to Long. It developed that the business man's signature was forged and that he could not give any light as to the identity of Robert Long. The latter is 22 years, about 5 feet.

**JOE McNEILL** is reported by a bank at Crawfordville, Ia., as having defrauded their institution by passing a bogus check drawn on the Oakville Farmers Bank, Oakville, Ia. McNeill was employed as a farm hand at Crawfordville. Is 5 feet 8 inches, smooth shaven, well tanned; limped perceptibly. The Iowa Bankers Association is seeking this man's apprehension.

**PETER PETERSON**, alias Tom Nelson, is wanted by a member at Moorland, Ia., on a charge that he fleeced them, by passing a check to which he had forged a depositor's signature. Constable at Fort Dodge, Ia., holds warrant. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association in this case.

**J. W. RAYMOND**, alias Frank Raymond. On April 19 this man entered a bank at Princeton, Kan., exhibiting a check for \$100 by H. A. Smith to J. W. Raymond on the Citizens State Bank, Lawrence, Kan. He declared that he had just moved into the neighborhood and wanted to deposit this check. He received a passbook and checkbook, and took to his wagon again, to which there was hitched a splendid team of dark brown mares. Immediately checks drawn on the bank by Raymond began to pour in. His check was returned from Lawrence as bogus. He operated at Ottawa, Kan., in the same manner, using the name Frank Raymond. This man is 40 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds.

**JACK SHINDLER**, who while employed by the Art Publishing Co., Sioux City, Iowa, as press feeder, stole several of their checks, forged his employer's signature and passed the checks on a Sioux City member, is now sought by our agents. Shindler but recently came to Sioux City; Omaha, Neb., being his previous stopping place. He is 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build; has brown hair and eyes. The Iowa Bankers Association is co-operating with this Association by financing an investigation of this case.

**HARRY L. SMITH** is wanted by a member at Kansas City, Mo., for forgery, it is alleged. Smith has acted as bookkeeper for some time past in a large furnishing goods house of Kansas City and in this way, it is said, he was enabled to prepare the forged check. Is 60 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 200 pounds.

**A. C. TAYLOR**, alias W. F. Roberts, alias M. R. Taylor, alias W. F. Howard, ranch hand, has victimized a member at Amarillo, Tex., by passing several checks to which he had forged a depositor's signature. He hails from Wirt, Okla. Is 23 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds; has black hair. Sheriff at Amarillo holds warrant.

**J. G. THOMPSON**, alias J. M. Willson, is sought for a member at Tulsa, Okla., whom he is said to have victimized by passing forged checks. Willson is 65 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds.

**OSCAR THOMPSON.** Under date of May 11, a member at Cemaroon, Kan., wrote us as follows: "This is to advise your association that one Oscar Thompson, about 35 years of age, weight about 175 pounds, height about 5 feet 9 inches, light blue eyes, light thin hair, thick lips, smooth face, gave this bank a chattel mortgage on horses and cattle as security for a loan, and when said mortgage was due attempt was made to collect same. He arranged to have a public sale and pay his obligations. A number of horses and cattle were delivered to his brother's place, and sale advertised to be held there. Before date of sale this stock was claimed by others holding mortgages. Upon further investigation, it was learned that he had disposed of all of his belongings, and skipped the country. We have obtained a warrant for him."

**PHILIP WACHTER**, resident of Reading, Pa., on April 2 secured \$30 from a member at Centraalia, Pa., on a bogus check. Wachter is termed by those who know him as a "bad egg." He is sought also on a charge of victimizing a hotel of Reading, Pa., by bogus checks. Is 29 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds.

### FRAUDULENT DRAFT ON COUNTERFEIT FORM

We have received the following warning notice from a member bank located in New York, N. Y.:

"Farrow's Bank Limited, No. 1, Cheapside, London, gives warning that a fraudulent draft on counterfeit form purporting to be drawn by and on its London Office for sixty-five pounds sterling (£65) was recently circulated in St. Louis and an attempt may be made to cash similar drafts. The draft in question bears fraudulent signature of 'J. W. Gates,' which is unknown to Farrow's Bank."

### LOST OR STOLEN BOND

**L. A. NORTON**, private bankers, New York, N. Y., under date of May 1, wrote us as follows: "Please note that New Orleans Railway & Light g. m. 4 1-2s 1935, \$1,000 bond No. 13345, was lost or stolen from our office on or about April 23, 1917."

### INFORMATION DESIRED

Will any bank that certified a check for \$750 for one of their depositors who was staying at Asheville, N. C., the early part of April, kindly notify this department as to the name of the depositor and details relative to certifying the check. The attention of the banks in Indiana and Ohio is particularly called to this matter, although it is just possible the check was certified in some other State than the two mentioned.

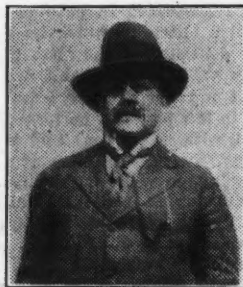
### GENERAL

#### HOTEL CHECK SWINDLERS FALL

Two men who conducted national swindling tour against hotels are arrested by Burns men. Facts about counter checks.

Many weeks of constant "trailing" were recently rewarded by the arrest of two men, William N. McGrath and Burton Williams. The local Burns office declares that by this arrest an end has been brought to a most extensive hotel check swindling operation.

McGrath was caught in New York City, his accomplice at Toledo, Ohio. The baggage of the men, when searched, was found to contain such an elaborate swindlers' kit and such a large supply of checks, pass-



WM. N. McGRATH

books, bank letterheads, etc., that the detectives pronounced it the most complete they had witnessed in many a year. Our agents immediately communicated with each of the banks (forty-five in all) on whom checks were found, for information as to the origin of the checks, when a surprising feature was brought to light. It developed that the checks of each bank were their own counter checks, secured by the swindlers on their visits to the banks. Of course, the checks bore no notification that they were of the counter, or else the words "counter check" were written across one end of the check where they could readily be torn off and the check remain as good as ever. This much to the assistance of the gratified operator. While they used the banks as a basis for their supply of swindling paraphernalia, nevertheless the men steered clear of them in the perpetration of their frauds. They used the aliases J. B. Williams, W. R. Richardson, W. H. Manning, W. J. MacGregor, Otto A. Brinner, W. N. MacGary, W. B. Richards, C. N. Hill, A. J. Mitchell, W. N. Mackey, Wm. J. Mason, W. N. Morgan, W. D. Graham, W. N. Matthews. They claimed to represent and had cards printed to verify their assertions: U. S. Incandescent Lamp Co., St. Louis; Zenith Motion Picture Co., Chicago; Keystone Distributing Co., Cleveland; W. G. Nagel Electric Co., Toledo; Seaboard Sales Co., Cleveland; Midland Film Co., Cleveland; Gendron Wheel Co., Toledo; Toledo Seed & Oil Co., Toledo; Ransom & Randolph Co., Toledo, and Lindsay Wire Weaving Co., Cleveland.

*J. B. Williams*  
*W. R. Richardson*

### SUSPECT YEGGS TAKEN

Three men captured at Iola, Kan., are believed to be professional safe blowers

Who are they? What are their records? Robert Johnson, George Peterson, James McDonald (if such be their names) refuse to talk. On April 10 the sheriff of Iola, Kan., succeeded in jailing these three men. He had picked them up on grounds of suspicion. Nitroglycerin, fuse, caps, and guns were found



ROBERT JOHNSON.



JAMES McDONALD.



GEORGE C. PETERSON.

in their possession. They bear the earmarks of professional safe blowers, but they still remain unidentified. The men practically sawed their way out of jail but their efforts were foiled by the sheriff, who detected their work as they were about to "break." Their preliminary trial was held in jail. Johnson is 22 years, 5 feet 7 3-4 inches, 150 pounds; has light, sandy

complexion, blue eyes, light fluffy hair; poor upper front teeth; is a common laborer; gives his home as Wichita, Kan., but is not known there under the name Johnson. McDonald is 25 years, 5 feet 8 1-2 inches, 135 pounds, of slender build; has dark hair, dark complexion, brown eyes; his forehead is high; his left arm partly paralyzed; he is a sailor and miner; claims Brooklyn, N. Y., as his home. Peterson is 24 years, 6 feet 1 inch, 165 pounds; has dark hair (parts in center), hazel eyes, dark complexion; he talks with southern accent; claims Emporia, Fla., as his home.

**MANLY CHASE.** A member at Montgomery, Ala., reports that some one is forging the signature of Loebs Hardware Co., of their city, to checks on the Union Bank & Trust Co., Montgomery. These checks are made payable to Manly Chase. They range from \$10 to \$30. The first one was received from a point in Connecticut, and the last from Utica, N. Y. No banks have been attacked.

**J. A. CUTHBERT** on April 30 was arrested at Salt Lake City, Utah, by the police following receipt of information from Logan, Utah, that Cuthbert had endeavored to secure possession of an auto from a local concern with bogus \$1200 check drawn on Rigby, Idaho.

**FRANK P. DeLEON**, who has defrauded several hotels and private individuals at San Francisco by worthless checks on the First National, Ventura, Cal., was on April 16 turned over to the San Francisco police by our agents.

**W. S. DeLONG**, who represents himself to be agent of the Maryland Life Insurance Co., Baltimore, Md., and shows what purports to be a telegram from this company authorizing him to draw on them, has victimized two merchants of Warrentown, Pa. Local member declares in regard to these drafts the following answer was received: "Know nothing of this." DeLong, who claims to hail from Kentucky, is 60 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 175 pounds.

**J. H. DEINES, JR.**, is drawing checks against the Ellis State Bank, Ellis, Kan., which bear the forged signature of his father. He has operated in northern Kansas and Nebraska. No banks attacked.

**HAROLD GALL**, alias Harold Welsh, has been arrested at Kansas City, Mo., on a charge of negotiating a forged check. Gall gives Topeka, Kan., as his home. Is 17 years, 5 feet 2 inches, 120 pounds.

**S. G. HALLETT** is reported by a member at Duncan, Okla., as having defrauded a hotel at that place by worthless draft purporting to have been issued by Langlow-Fowler Co., Chicago. Hallett, posing as a salesman, is 35 to 40 years, 135 to 140 pounds, of dark complexion, smooth shaven.

**FRED W. HANFORD**, alias Frank W. Harris, has been arrested near Neelyville, Mo., at which point on April 27, 1917, he held up a non-member bank and stole \$1000. This individual, along with two accomplices, on February 14, 1917, robbed the Westlake Branch, Home Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., also a non-member, of \$2230.75. The capture of his pals is quoted in the "General" column of our May, 1917, issue.

**MARTHA HANSEN** is reported by a member at Norfolk, Va., as having victimized one of their pat-



rons by passing a \$75 check on the Penn Grove National, Penn Grove, N. J., which check was returned marked "Insufficient funds." Martha Hansen is crippled in the right foot (caused by a dislocated hip joint). She is 30 years, 5 feet 2 inches; has no front teeth.

**MILES HARRINGTON.** Checks on the Northwestern National, Minneapolis, purporting to have been issued by the Northern Motor Car Co., by E. J. Hathaway, have been passed at Minneapolis by an individual using the names Miles Harrington, Frank A. Martin, Harry B. Morse, Franklin A. Morse. These checks are entirely bogus. Operator is 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds. Merchants have suffered.

**J. J. HOLLAND,** alias J. J. Lee, who has represented himself as a government secret service officer, has been arrested at Lafayette, La., as a bogus check operator. A local bank reports his operation as follows: "He makes a check, secures indorsement of landlord, deposits proceeds in bank, first check paid, subsequently he deposits \$50 bogus draft on bank of Mobile, draws checks against same which are cashed by individuals with whom he came in contact in first transaction. Is 35 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds; gives his home at Statesborough, Ga. Acts and appears as a drug fiend.

**J. J. KNOX** is reported by a member at Rutherford, N. J., as having opened an account on April 3 with a deposit of \$80 in cash. Knox remarked at the time that the account would be a small one, to be used in payment of express and freight charges on goods shipped from New York City to residents of Rutherford. The amount deposited was drawn out in three checks, since which time, so the bank alleges, ten or twelve checks have been coming in at the bank. Knox is 25 to 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds; was well dressed.

*J J Knox*

**M. L. McCRAY** is reported by a member at Sarasota, Fla., as having passed a check to which was forged a depositor's signature. McCray is 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds.

**E. O'CALLAGHAN,** employee of a music house at Oakland, Cal., who during March succeeded in having the cashier of his firm indorse a \$200 check for him which was returned as worthless, has been arrested at Toronto, Canada, by our agents. O'Callaghan is 35 to 40 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds. Our detective agents made the investigation for the California Bankers Association. May, 1917, Supplement, page 167.

**THOMAS D. PARKER.** A member at Bristol, Va., reports that a man of this name has operated against several local merchants with bogus cashiers' checks on the Peoples Bank, Harlan, Ky. There is no such bank at Harlan. Parker made purchases, presented these checks, then instructed that the goods be delivered to Ethel Parker, Benhams, Ky. The deliveries were made, but the goods were not called for. Parker is 32 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds.

**WALLACE J. POLAND,** who passed a bogus check upon a Kansas City, Mo., merchant, was arrested on April 21 at Kansas City by local authorities.

**B. M. POST,** alias D. E. Hart, is operating throughout Oklahoma with worthless checks on the State National, Springfield, Ill. Merchants are victims.

**DEMOREST PRESTON,** alias L. G. Chittenden, and T. E. BERG, alias P. E. Bergman, are under arrest at Altoona, Pa., charged with negotiating bogus checks. The local authorities accomplished their detention. Chittenden declared that he was a lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard, while Bergman represented himself as Chittenden's secretary. They had stopped at an Altoona hotel and attempted to settle their bill with a bogus check on the Huntington National, Columbus, O. Other checks were found upon them. Preston is 30 years, tall, good build; has "bull-dog" features. Berg is 25 years, tall and slender; has aquiline features.

**J. W. RANDALL.** Checks to which the signature of J. B. Davie, depositor of a member at West Blocton, Ala., was forged, have been passed recently upon jewelers at Birmingham, Ala. The operator represented himself as J. W. Randall, contractor of Blocton. He is 33 years, 6 feet, 170 pounds; appears to be a laborer.

**W. J. REILAND** is drawing bogus checks against the Bankers Trust Co., New York, N. Y., and passing them in New York City. He is 29 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds.

**J. MARION SIMS** is drawing bogus checks against the Miners Bank, Joplin, Mo., and passing them throughout Chicago. Local authorities are seeking Sims' apprehension. He is 43 years, 5 feet 10 inches, of slender build.

**FRANK E. SMITH** was arrested at Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 3, following an attempt to defraud a local merchant by bogus check. He is 32 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds.

**F. L. STEARNS,** alias John E. Hall, was arrested recently at Providence, R. I., and returned to Cambridge, Mass., on a charge of forgery. He had operated also at Providence with forged check, receiving a suspended sentence on that charge.

**J. H. SUMMERS.** A cashier's draft, payable to J. H. Summers, amount of \$60, on the German American Bank, Kansas City, Mo., was recently cashed by a hotel at Peoria, Ill. The Missouri bank pronounces this draft a forgery, declaring that the check form is one of the swindler's own make-up.

**ED. WALTER,** alias Ed. Hoeffer, has passed two forged checks at Rexford, Kan. He was employed as a farm hand near Rexford.

## ARRESTED

### BANK OFFICIAL MAKES A CAPTURE

Check Swindler wanted throughout West and Pacific Coast falls before shrewdness of Texas bank man

Thanks to the commendable efforts of E. J. Miller, vice-president and cashier of the First National, Gregory, Tex., Roy Churchill of many aliases, a most persistent check swindler, is to-day behind lock and key.



On April 5, 1917, L. B. Beale visited a member at Roswell, N. Mex., declaring that he was looking for "some grass to run cattle on." He produced a letter of introduction from the Santa Fe Bank, Santa Fe, N. Mex., which was supposedly signed by the cashier. It read to the effect that Mr. L. B. Beale was good to draw any amount upon their bank. Beale then wrote a check for \$100 on the Santa Fe bank, and it was readily cashed. Banks at Carlsbad, Amarillo, Anton, Chico, followed the action of the Roswell bank. The check and letters were forgeries. Later Beale, as R. Vail, "caught" two banks at Santa Fe, N. Mex., on forged checks drawn against the First National, Callexico, Cal. He was introduced to the banks by depositors whom Vail had approached as a rancher from Arizona. He worked likewise at Tuscon, Ariz., and Deming, N. Mex. Finally he reached Gregory, Tex., and sought out the First National Bank. Here's Mr. Miller's own account of what transpired: "We have just caused the arrest of a man badly wanted in many different places by the American Bankers Association, William J. Burns Agency, and no doubt others not known to us. Going under the name of L. B. Beale, with a forged letter of introduction and credit supposed to be signed by the cashier of the Santa Fe Bank, Santa Fe, N. Mex., which he presented at our

once the bank at Santa Fe for confirmation of the letter carried by the party, and received the wire that letter was a forgery, to arrest Beale if possible, and wire Burns at Denver of developments. But he had left town for Corpus Christi, and we immediately phoned the authorities there to take him, giving them a good description of him, and in the course of a few minutes they had him located, arrest following. From wires coming in, he seems to be a pretty valuable catch, and we are very proud that we have saved some of our friends and neighbors a nice little sum, as he had in his pocket when caught checks to the amount of \$750, with forged indorsement of local Corpus Christi men. Assuring you of the pleasure in this co-operation, we are, etc."

Following his arrest, this man confessed to having operated also along the entire Pacific coast, employing the aliases Roy Churchill, Fred Memory, Edwin Carson, E. A. Stone, G. E. Mason, G. C. King, E. C. Norris, F. E. Craig, and E. A. Brown. He has been turned over by the Corpus Christi authorities to the police of Amarillo, Tex. This is indeed a most important capture, and we publicly state our appreciation of the good work performed by Mr. E. J. Miller of the First National Bank, Gregory, Tex. The swindler is 35 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds; has blue gray eyes, chestnut hair, ruddy complexion.



ROY CHURCHILL.

bank, but asked for nothing, only some information that aroused the suspicion of both the assistant cashier and myself; which prompted the writer to wire at

*L. B. Beale*  
*One hundred*

## JAIL GREET'S FAKE LIEUTENANT

Garbed in the uniform of a United States Army officer, William Heath secures a host of victims

We first learned of the activities of this man during December, 1915, when, as W. N. Heath, Jr., he operated against two stores at Chattanooga, Tenn. He appeared in the full uniform of a United States sol-

VOUCHER NO. 5564 DATE Mar. 30, 1917

ISSUED ACCOUNT Hospital

The U. S. V. Naval Malitia

SIGNAL CORPS, HOSPITAL CORPS, WIRELESS CORPS, GUNNERS AND SEAMEN

PAY TO ORDER William N. Heath \$25.00

Twenty-five and no one hundredths

ISSUED ACCOUNT Hospital

Army and Navy Bank, Washington, D. C.

ON ORDER NO. 44595

U. S. V. Naval Malitia, Paymaster Dept.

Paymaster General



WILLIAM N. HEATH, JR.

dier, representing himself as connected with the Aviation Corps. At each place he made a purchase and presented a bogus check similar to the one reproduced. There is no such bank at Washington as the Army & Navy Bank. During February, as Lieut. W. H. Savage, he visited a member at Chicago, Ill. He related that he was attached to the Ordnance Department of the army and that he had been instructed by his superior officer to report at once for duty to the commanding officer at St. Paul, Minn. In verification of this, he exhibited what purported to be a War Department order to that effect. In addition, he displayed a marriage certificate and pointed to a woman sitting a short distance from the bank, declaring her to be his wife and told of their being on their honeymoon. The bank "fell" for one of his checks. After this he worked throughout Chicago, Kansas City and Joplin, Mo.; Oklahoma, City, Okla.; Birmingham, Ala.; Baltimore, Md., using the aliases Lieut. J. C. Williams, Lieut. J. W. Wilcox, Lieut. W. H. Monroe, Lieut. Archer G. Harrison, John B. Comer, Everett J. Browne, W. A. Merrill, Jr. Heath chose an opportune time for his operations. In his soldier's uniform he presented an impressive sight. That uniform gave him a three-quarters handicap in the success of his endeavors. Those approached considered it an honor to be permitted to cash the checks. He collected a tidy purse. Finally arrest came to Heath at New Orleans, La. On April 28 he was tried and sentenced to two years in the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, charged with impersonating a United States Army officer. Heath gave Richmond, Va., as his birthplace. He is 25 years, 5 feet 11 1-4 inches, 135 pounds, of slim build; his hair is a reddish brown, curly, his eyes brown. Bertillon: 62.3 83.5 91.7 19.5 14.5 12.5 6.7 26.6 11.1 8.7 48.2. His body is well tattooed.

### CONFESSES TO \$1981 ROBBERY

Youth who held up and robbed Nebraska bank flees to San Francisco and is captured

At 12:20 P. M., February 17, B. H. Schaberg, president of the First National Bank, University Place, Neb., was alone in the bank. A moment later a youth passed into the bank, approached Mr. Schaberg and requested change of a \$1 bill, which he laid upon the counter. The bank man counted out the change and turned to hand it to the other. He confronted a leveled revolver. Cool and in low and even tone the youth spoke: "Get into the vault." There was no alternative. The bank man stepped into the vault, the ban-

dit gave his attention to the cash drawer, then stepped to the vault and closed the door upon the president. Within three minutes the latter had liberated himself and spread the alarm; \$1981.49 had been taken by the robber. Through an informant, the police of Kansas City, Mo., became convinced that one Joseph L. Redenbaugh, alias G. E. Loucks, residing locally, had perpetrated this robbery. They had secured letters addressed by Redenbaugh to his wife in which he practically admitted his guilt. After many days of persistent investigation and surveillance of Redenbaugh's relations, it was ascertained that he had undoubtedly taken refuge at San Francisco, Cal. The police of that city were notified and on May 10 succeeded in apprehending Redenbaugh. He at once confessed to



JOSEPH L. REDENBAUGH

the hold-up and robbery of the University Bank. He is 22 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds. He also confessed to having shot and beat a policeman of the St. Paul, Minn., force, who had attempted to arrest him for auto speeding. The policeman died of the wounds received. The prisoner told also of receiving three thousand dollars to kill a woman of St. Paul. He willingly committed the murder. It is on the latter charges that Redenbaugh has been returned to St. Paul.

### 9 MEN ARRESTED IN FRAUDS

The passing of certificates of deposit drawn on Houston bank which are unpaid results in big exposure.

Rigid investigation of the negotiating of bogus certificates of deposit throughout the southwest has, during the past month, caused the exposure of a gigantic swindling scheme and the jailing of many individuals "high up" in the business world. On April 10, Charles H. Garnett, reported to be engaged in the practice of law in Oklahoma City, entered a member bank in Ada, Okla., accompanied by a man whom he introduced as J. S. Hix. Garnett explained to the bankers that he was negotiating with Hix to sell him an oil lease; that Hix had a certificate of deposit in the sum of \$5000, issued by a member at Houston, Tex., and if Hix could secure the money on this certificate of deposit immediately he would be able to consummate the sale. Hix, himself, refused to allow any discount on his part. However, Garnett finally assumed the discount, and together Hix and Garnett received \$4500 in currency and cashier's checks. The certificate of

deposit was then sent through the regular channels and was returned by the Houston bank which stated that payment could not be made at that time. Garnett, while in Ada on April 10, had left part of the funds he received on deposit, and he returned there April 17 to withdraw these funds, at which time he was arrested by local authorities and lodged in the county jail at Stillwater. It then developed that thousands of dollars' worth of these certificates of deposit had been negotiated in Oklahoma. Active investigation by our agents covered Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Houston and Dallas, Tex. Secretary Bagby of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and Secretary Boardman of the Oklahoma State Bankers Association, also joined in the investigation in behalf of their victimized members. As a result, the following arrests were accomplished: J. S. Hix—arrested May 5 by our agents and authorities at Durant, Okla.; G. C. Wisdom—arrested May 4 at Alvord, Tex., by Secretary Boardman of the Oklahoma State Bankers Association and local officers, returned to Stillwater, Okla., for prosecution. J. D. Mathews, known also as J. A. Brown—arrested by our agents and authorities of Houston, Tex., on April 28; returned to Ada, Okla.; H. R. Evans—bookkeeper for the Commonwealth Trust Co., Houston, Tex.—arrested by our agents and authorities of Houston, Tex., on April 28; returned to Ada for prosecution. W. F. Bland, attorney of Oklahoma City—arrested on April 29 in Stillwater, Okla. J. W. Mack, alias J. W. Matheney—arrested April 24 by sheriff at Hugo, Okla., for attempting to negotiate worthless certificates at that place. Six thousand dollars' worth of this paper was found in his possession. P. H. Boxley—arrested in Gilmer, Tex., May 3 by the sheriff at that point and has been returned to McAlester, Okla., for prosecution. Frank Hickman—arrested May 9 at Dallas, Tex., by deputy sheriff of that place. Hickman secured his release soon after on habeas corpus proceedings.

### LILLY BANK BURGLARIZED

Four of five men said to be implicated in Lilly, Pa., bank burglary are arrested

Early on the morning of May 2, the safe of the First National Bank, Lilly, Pa., was attacked by burglars. Nitroglycerin was used in such force that the safe was practically wrecked, every window in the bank was smashed, and the report was so violent that the residents of the town were shaken from their beds. The police immediately became active, and succeeded in apprehending one of the men. When interviewed by our agents, the latter—Leo Coyle, by name—stated there were five men "on the job." He declared that a week previous to the burglary he met at Johnstown, Pa., one Jess Carr, who was accompanied by "a man from Kansas City named Steve," that the three proceeded to indulge in a liquor drinking spree; that they decided to "blow" a bank at Johnstown, then turned their plans to Lilly; that they purchased some dynamite and proceeded to convert it into the "precious soup" (nitroglycerin). Two days previous to the "job," they were joined by another man from Cresson, Pa., and then the entire party proceeded to Lilly and camped there while awaiting the moment

to act. While camped at Lilly, Coyle declared, one Julian Farrie furnished them with food and information, and later joined hands with them in the attack. When the work was done and the gang hurried away and "jumped" a freight train, Coyle was unable to get aboard. He walked on for a while until forced to rest, and fell asleep. When he awoke he found that he was surrounded by a posse, and willingly surrendered. Following his arrest, Jess Carr and one Pat Garrick were taken into custody. Also at Utica, N. Y., one Julia Perry, charged with having implicated himself in this crime, was arrested.



HARRY ALLEN

**HARRY ALLEN.** Our May issue says the following in regard to this man: "A member at Bucyrus, O., reports the operations of a bogus check swindler. They allege that he presented with his check a letter supposed to have been received by him from a branch of the U. S. Naval Department. He claimed to be in the government employ, his purpose at Bucyrus being, so he stated, to open a naval recruiting office. Allen's checks are drawn on the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C. He appeared in full naval uniform. On his cap there appeared the words, 'U. S. S. Arizona,' on the sleeve a bull's-eye with letter 'E,' indicating expert rifleman. From his conversation it was evident that he was well versed in naval matters. Allen is 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds; has a prominent nose; there is a tattoo of a bracelet on each wrist with camé design." On April 26 Allen was taken into custody at Van Wert, O., by the local sheriff. Reports of the operations of Allen have been received from many Ohio towns.

**JACK BLUMBERG,** employed by a depositor of a member bank at San Francisco, Cal., on May 14 forged his employer's name to a check which he presented at the bank in question and had cashed. When interviewed by our agents, Blumberg confessed. He was then turned over to the local authorities. He told that he forged this check that he might have the necessary funds to settle a gambling debt.

**J. A. BROCK,** who has defrauded several member banks at Antlers, Okla., by passing forged checks, was on April 6 arrested at Farris, Okla., by our agents. In order to make this arrest, it was necessary for A. B. Cooper, Oklahoma City, representative of our agents, to penetrate some "hostile" hills where an officer of the law is considered an enemy to existence. However,

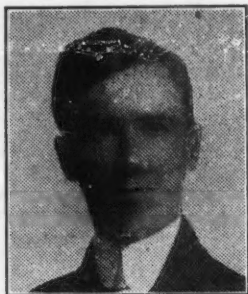


Cooper cleverly succeeded in bagging his quarry without gun play. A deputy sheriff of Hugo, Okla., was present at the arrest.

W. E. BRYSON, who has fleeced a member at Chicago, Ill., by passing bogus checks, was on April 18 arrested at Chicago by our agents and the local authorities. He is 35 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, of good build.

ESSIE BUNCH has been arrested at Memphis, Tenn., charged by a local member with having passed upon them forged checks amounting to \$100.

ARVEL CARTER, who has fleeced a member at Salt Lake City, Utah, by passing a check to which he had forged his father's signature, was on April 17 arrested at Salt Lake City by our agents and the local sheriff.



W. W. CHARLES

W. W. CHARLES, who has victimized a member at Miami, Fla., was arrested at San Francisco, Cal., by our agents and local authorities on April 24. This was the climax to a chase that had led our agents throughout Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, and finally California, lasting from early December, 1916. The Miami bank had been advancing to Charles for five years past funds with which to buy automobiles with the understanding that as the cars were sold the proceeds of the sale should apply on his notes. He faithfully met his obligations until December, 1916, when he was loaned several thousand dollars against eight Buick autos, sold the cars for cash, and disappeared. A woman, other than his wife, is said to be the cause of Charles's irregularity. Obtained bail; is now fugitive from justice.

NORMAN. RAYMOND CARVER, 18, has been arrested at Los Angeles, Cal., on a charge of attempting to negotiate a bogus check. He declares that a man named McGee prompted his action. Carver is 5 feet 6 inches, 142 pounds. He describes McGee as 36 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 165 pounds.

OTIS WINSLOW COBB, who has used the aliases Harold Austin, John W. Garber, John W. Smith, and Harold Cutler, has been arrested at Ottawa, Canada. This young man, the son of a wealthy leather dealer of Wellesley, Mass., has operated throughout Baltimore, Md.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Columbus, O., and Washington, D. C., with bogus checks. Banks at Wheeling and Washington were victimized. He has

represented himself as an experienced insurance man. Cobb is to be deported to the United States when his sentence has expired at Ottawa. He is 26 years, 5



OTIS W. COBB

feet 10 3-4 inches, 170 pounds; has dark brown hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. Bertillon: 79.4 82.0 92.9 19.3 15.5 6.4 26.3 11.5 8.7 48.3. Cobb has served a jail term at Alleghany, Pa.

*Otis W. Cobb*

STEPHEN CODAR, alias S. Conde, George Solukz, wanted at San Francisco, Cal., on a warrant sworn to by a local member charging defrauding by bogus checks, was on April 12 arrested at San Francisco by our agents and the local authorities. Codar fleeced this bank through the medium of check kiting. His bogus check was drawn on a bank at Saratoga, N. Y. That town declared they knew Codar only as a follower of races, and that he had several local obligations awaiting his settlement. He is 35 years, 5 feet 3 inches, 163 pounds; has a small mustache. The California Bankers Association co-operated with this Association in financing this investigation.

CLARENCE COKER, who, it is alleged on October 6, victimized a member at Centralia, Mo., when he obtained \$35 and a draft of \$430 on a check for \$465 which he had given to the bank, the latter being returned from a bank at Bellow, Mo., as a forgery of a depositor's signature, was on April 25 arrested at St. Louis, Mo. Coker cashed the \$430 draft at Wells-ville, Mo. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds; has blue eyes, light complexion (florid at times from excessive liquor), is smooth shaven, has a "wheeze" or "huskiness" in his voice; has been in elevator business all his life; often wears an Odd Fellow button or Masonic emblem.

H. E. COLBY, who has put to loss a member at Taylor Falls, Minn., in the cashing of a worthless check drawn on the First State Bank of Lockhart, Lockhart, Minn., was on April 27 arrested at Ada, Okla., by our agents. He is 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build, light complexion; has appearance of a mechanic.

T. P. DAVENPORT. A member at Jonesboro, Ark., February 17 wrote us as follows: "This is to advise that a few days since Mr. T. P. Davenport, who was a traveling salesman for the American Art Works of Coshocton, Ohio, called, and after showing us sam-



ples persuaded us to cash a draft for \$25.00 upon the City National Bank of Dallas, Texas. This draft has been returned marked 'No account.' We immediately



T. P. DAVENPORT

wrote the American Art Works, of Coshocton, Ohio, and they state that Mr. Davenport is now not in their employ, that they have had his samples there for several days, and of course, would not pay the draft."

T. P. Davenport, known also as J. M. Leonard, has been taken into custody at Lafayette, La., on information furnished to the police by an official of the First National Bank of Lafayette. It is claimed that Davenport also pretended to be selling a burglar alarm device, and to represent the Brent Electric Co., Tulsa, Okla. He is 45 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 115 pounds, of slight build; has curly, chestnut hair, blue eyes.

HORACE DeALLEN, Louisville, Ky., who has swindled a member at Evansville, Ind., by check to which he forged the indorsement of a local furniture dealer, was on April 17 located by our agents in jail at Waukegan, Ill. DeAllen had been arrested on another charge, and had given the name of Fred Robinson to the authorities. He is 25 to 28 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds.

CORA A. DUNN, during April visited an Idaho member and displayed a passbook on a St. Joseph, Mo., bank, showing a balance of \$810. She was accompanied by a local furniture dealer, who declared to the bank that the woman had just purchased from him a large bill of furniture and that he considered her thoroughly reliable. Whereupon Cora Dunn drew a \$500 draft on the St. Joseph bank, which draft the Idaho member promptly cashed. It was returned as worthless. The latter bank was victim. On April 24, at Omaha, Neb., she was apprehended by the local authorities and confessed. Miss Dunn is 26 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 135 pounds.

J. W. GRANT, alias J. W. Gray, of Elwood City, Pa., who has put to loss a local member by passing two checks to which he had forged a depositor's (his employer) signature, was on May 14 arrested at Elwood City by the local authorities. He is 42 years, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, of slender build; has a sandy mustache; is not neat in appearance.

JOHN W. HALL, alias James Moore, alias Thomas Jackson, who has swindled a member at Pittsburgh, Pa., by cashing a check to which he had forged a de-

positor's signature, has been located by our agents at Canandaigua, N. Y. He had been sentenced to the local jail on a charge of theft preferred by a resident of Canandaigua. Hall is 24 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds; has red hair, freckled hands.

JESSE HAMPTON, alias Edward Charles Pomeroy, H. J. Garland, etc., has been arrested by the police of Evansville, Ind., on a charge of passing a forged and fraudulent check, and has been tried and convicted in that city, and sentenced to from one to five years in the Michigan City, Indiana, prison. This operator has also victimized a member at Bay Minette, Ala., by forged check. Detainer warrants have been lodged with the authorities of the Michigan City, Indiana, prison, and he will be returned to Alabama following the completion of his term in the Indiana prison.

RAY JENSEN, alias Neevel Wallace, who on April 30 obtained \$120 from a member at Burley, Idaho, on a forged check, was on the same day arrested by the local authorities. This action followed the bank's learning that his check was a forgery. They located him and notified the police. This youth operated also against a member at Salt Lake City, Utah. He is 19 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds.

J. T. JOHNSON, alias J. T. Thompson, negro, on May 19 was taken into custody at New Orleans, La., by our agents and local officers in behalf of a New Orleans member whom Thompson had attempted to victimize by bogus check. Thompson laid the blame for his act upon the influence of liquor.

W. I. KANAMAN, who has swindled a member at Dallas, Tex., was on May 10 arrested at Dallas, Tex., by the authorities. Our agents were present at the capture. Kanaman sought to compromise, but the bank officials preferred to prosecute.

GEORGE W. LAWLESS, who victimized a member at Detroit, Mich., by opening an account with bogus checks and subsequently drawing against it to the extent of \$200, was on April 9 taken into custody at Detroit by our agents and the local authorities. Mrs. Margaret Lawless, wife of George W., was also taken into custody as an accomplice. She had drawn out the funds in question. However, it is apparent that Mrs. Lawless was entirely innocent of implication in the swindle and was used merely as a tool. Lawless, salesman, is 26 years, 5 feet 7 inches, 133 pounds, of slender build, sallow complexion.

CHARLES C. NOBLE, alleged to be the individual who recently defrauded a member at Santa Ana, Cal., by forged check, has been arrested at Los Angeles, Cal.

THOMAS W. PATTON, electrical engineer, who defrauded a member at Sterling, Colo., by worthless sight draft, is under arrest at Kansas City, Mo., following the activities of the authorities at Denver, Colo. This man in August, 1916, swindled a member at San Francisco, Cal., by bogus check. He is known also as A. J. Patton and T. J. Potter. He has been taken to Springfield, Ill. He also operated in Salt Lake City, Utah. Patton is 33 years, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds; his nose is large and appears as though it were broken.

GEORGE ROBBINS, wanted by a member, at Havelock, Iowa, on a charge of defrauding by forged checks, was arrested May 3 at St. Louis, Mo., by the authorities on a local charge. Our agents identified the prisoner as wanted at Havelock. Robbins confessed his identity. His photograph is reproduced on page 152, April, 1916, Supplement.



ROBERT ROGERS

ROBERT ROGERS. Photograph of this man has been identified by a member at Detroit, Mich., as the man, H. A. Logan, who, during December, 1916, endeavored to defraud that bank by forged drafts. Rogers, alias Harvey Yokum, alias Albert Kindy, is now serving a sentence of two and a half to five years at Jackson, Mich., for fraud. On January 2 a member at Minneapolis, Minn., exhibited to the local office of our detective agents a letter on the stationery of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Stratford, Ont., Branch, dated December 27, 1916, which requested the Minneapolis bank to favor Charles Waterous in the cashing of a \$10,000 draft. A signature card purporting to be of this bank with the signature, "Chas. Waterous" appearing thereon, was enclosed, also form of "draft advise." The letter was signed R. T. Mussen. The Minneapolis bank at once examined their records, but could not establish the fact that R. T. Mussen was an official of the Stratford bank. They communicated by mail with the Winnipeg headquarters of the Canadian bank, enclosing the "draft advise," and requesting that they certify the signature of R. T. Mussen, appearing thereon. Later they were wired by the Winnipeg bank that this transaction was entirely irregular and not to honor the draft. The "draft advise" form was branded as one no longer in use by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. A Burns detective at our advice was placed in the paying teller's cage at the Minneapolis bank to await the arrival of Mr. Waterous.

Meanwhile, at Detroit, Mich., H. A. Logan, who had previously purchased a draft of \$1,000 of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Stratford, Ont., had cashed the draft at a Detroit member bank. The latter was advised by Stratford as to its genuineness. Still another draft purchased by Logan at St. Thomas, Ont., was likewise cashed by this Detroit bank for Logan. These two legal transactions naturally acquired for Logan the bank's confidence. Again he appeared at the bank, this time seeking cash on a draft on the Canadian Bank of Commerce for \$1800. The teller critically examined the draft, and while the signature of R. T. Mussen, Manager, appeared genuine, the sig-

nature of the bank's accountant aroused his suspicion. Logan at this moment reminded the teller of the drafts he had recently cashed at the bank. The teller left his cage to secure the proper signature cards for the purpose of comparing the questioned writing on the draft. When he returned, Logan was gone. The Canadian bank reported that Logan on December 21 had also purchased two money orders, one of which was made payable to Charles Waterous.

Considering the circumstances, we believe that Waterous (mentioned in the Minneapolis case, but who failed to show at the bank) and Logan are the same. Description secured at Detroit: 30 to 35 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, of slender build, sallow complexion; has dark hair, thin face. This man is said to have prison records in Canada.

C. A. ROLLISON, said to have raised a check from 85 cents to \$20.85, which he cashed at a member bank of Waycross, Ga., was arrested on May 11 at Fitzgerald, Ga.



C. A. SHEPPEY

C. A. SHEPPEY, advertisement specialist, whose bank swindling operations are reported in detail on page 165 of the May, 1917, issue of the Supplement, was arrested on May 4 at Buffalo, N. Y., by our agents and local officers. At this time Sheppey is held for the Duluth, Minn., authorities and is fighting extradition.



HORACE M. SHIPMAN

HORACE M. SHIPMAN. On May 9 this man approached President Browning of the Southwest Reserve Bank, Oklahoma City, Okla., and asked that a draft be drawn for \$1750 on the First National, Dal-

las, Tex., and the funds transferred to the Southwest Reserve. Mr. Browning made out this draft and was preparing to mail it to Dallas when Shipman uncovered a customer's check for \$86 on the First National, Walters, Okla., and asked for cash. His suspicions aroused, Mr. Browning questioned Shipman. His answer was of such a character that Mr. Browning was prompted to entice Shipman to the police station near by. Our agents interviewed Shipman, who had been using the name J. E. Moreland, and succeeded in getting him to confess his transactions as illegitimate. He told that he had tried to pass the army examination, had failed, and, penniless, had tried these means of obtaining funds. He is 20 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds, of medium build, has ruddy complexion, red hair.

ARTHUR L. SIEBERT, who during early April opened an account at a Brooklyn, N. Y., bank with bogus check on the Union National, Scranton, Pa., and proceeded then to scatter many checks against the Brooklyn institution, the latter paying on same and thus becoming defrauded, was on April 24 arrested at Brooklyn by our detective agents and local authorities. Siebert is 26 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, of stocky build.

*Arthur L. Siebert*

ROBERT G. SIMMS. A check drawn on the State Bank of Chicago, made payable to Robert G. Sims, signed Harold Baum, was cashed recently by a Chicago member. It proved bogus. Simms was arrested recently at Chicago by the local authorities. He is a mulatto. Is 18 years, 5 feet 10 inches, 120 pounds.

ANDREW SMITH, who, it is alleged, has duped a member at Duluth, Minn., by \$30 bogus check, was on April 24 arrested at Duluth by our agents and local authorities.

EDWARD SOKOLOWITZ, alias Eddie Sakolove, who has victimized two members at Boston, Mass., by cashing bogus checks to which he had forged his father's (a depositor) signature, has been taken into custody. Sokolowitz also duped many of his kinsfolk by similar checks, they being unaware that he had turned from the "narrow path." Our agents learned of his presence in Bangor, Me., on April 17, and, contemplating that he would visit a friend of the family residing there, to further his swindles, they warned Bangor to be prepared. Five minutes after receipt of the telegram, Sokolowitz made the anticipated call. The police were promptly notified and arrested young Sokolowitz. He confessed. Is 21 years, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds.

JIM STORY. A member at Collinsville, Tex., informs our agents that on May 9 they had arrested one Jim Story, who came to Collinsville and secured employment as a printer, who then declared himself a linotype man and eventually succeeded in being sent out of town by his employees to mend some linotype machines. The bank further states that when Story returned he called at their institution and presented two checks which he, declared he had received for services. Before the bank had learned that these checks were entirely spurious, Story had checked out

a sum against them, thereby defrauding the bank. Story is held in jail in Sherman, Texas. He also represented that he was heir to considerable property and that an attorney at McAlester, Okla., was acting as his guardian.

BERT VAN LEUVEN, 30, who defrauded a member at Salina, Kan., by negotiating a worthless check on the State Bank, Dodge City, Ia., was on April 5 arrested at Coffeyville, Kan., by our agents and the local authorities. His account at the State Bank had been closed since November 28, 1916. He is 6 feet, slender, wears glasses of thick lenses, teeth are large and protrude at front, showing some gold. He was secretary of the Sawlof Oil & Gas Co., Dodge City.

CLAUDE H. WETMORE, who is alleged to have passed two checks at St. Louis, Mo., bearing the forged signature of a depositor of a local member bank, thereby defrauding the latter, was on May 7 located at St. Louis by our agents. The local authorities were notified and made the arrest.

## REMOVED

### PRESIDENT APPROVES FORGER'S SENTENCE

Man who fleeced Texas member by forged check, receives twenty years imprisonment on government charges

We carried in last month's awaiting trial list the name of Robert H. Hall, who had victimized a member at Brownsville, Tex., by passing a check to which he had forged a signature. Hall has been second lieu-



ROBERT H. HALL

tenant of the First Indiana Infantry detailed to the Mexican border, and the signature he forged was one of his fellow soldiers. Hall has been sentenced but not for this particular deed. It has been proved that he turned over to the Mexican Government important plans entrusted to his care, after which act he deserted the service. Hall was tried by a general court martial convened at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He was found guilty on eight of nine specifications and sentenced to twenty years at hard labor, to be dishonorably dismissed from the service of the United States, and to forfeit all pay and allowances due or to become due. President Wilson approved the sentence and designated the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., for its execution.



JACK ARMSTRONG, forgery, convicted, sentence suspended.

JAMES G. BISHOP, alleged bond theft, January 19, released; case nolle.

ELI BRIGGS, bogus checks, 18 months to 3 years, New Jersey State Penitentiary.

ANDY CARRUTHERS, alleged robbery, released; prosecuting witnesses failed to appear.

W. W. CHARLES, mortgage swindle, released on bail; failed to appear; fugitive from justice.

REA CLOSE, alleged robbery, released; prosecuting witnesses failed to appear.

R. V. COHENOUR, raised check, plead guilty, 2 years, West Virginia State Penitentiary.

CLARENCE COKER, worthless check, jumped his bond.

C. E. DOBYNS, forgery, plead guilty, 3 months, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

CLARENCE EAST, forgery, 1 year, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

M. S. GRAY, bogus draft, April 19, plead guilty, 2 years, Texas State Penitentiary.

ALLIE HAMMOND, bogus check, plead guilty, 2 to 3 years, Western (Pa.) Penitentiary.

FRANK HARMON, forgery, December 19, 1916, plead guilty, 5 years, suspended sentence.

WILL GOFFNEY, forgery, 2 years at hard labor, Texas State Penitentiary.

JOHN W. HALL, alias James Moore, alleged forgery, released; funds of county too low to permit expense of extradition from place of arrest.

JESSE HAMPTON, forgery, 1 to 5 years, Michigan City (Indiana) Prison.

WILLIAM N. HEATH, JR., bogus checks, convicted; 2 years, Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga.

FRANK HICKMAN, bogus certificate of deposit, released; habeas corpus proceedings.

RAY JENSEN, alias Nevel Wallace, forgery, May 8, 1 to 5 years, Idaho Penitentiary.

JOHNNIE JUDGE, forgery, plead guilty, 18 months, chain gang.

OTTO KURZ, alleged mortgage swindle, released; no available funds for prosecution.

J. W. LEE, forgery, fugitive from justice.

CHARLEY LEWIS, forgery, 5 years, Missouri State Penitentiary; paroled.

WILL LEWIS, forgery, convicted, 2 years, Texas State Penitentiary.

ED. McQUEEN, forgery, plead guilty, 2 years; sentence suspended.

WILLIAM J. MOLLER, forged indorsement, 4 years, Moundsville (W. Va.) Penitentiary.

JOHN WILLIAM MOSS, forgery, 10 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

R. E. PRITCHARD, alleged mortgage swindle; released.

FRED RAGAIN, alleged forgery, released; necessary witnesses failed to appear.

A. L. RICHE, worthless check, released; case dropped. May be restored.

GEORGE ROBBINS, forgery, 15 years, Iowa State Penitentiary.

BOZEMAN ROGERS, forged telegram, plead guilty, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

ROBERT ROGERS, alias H. A. Logan, forged drafts, 2 1-2 to 5 years, Jackson, Mich.

HARRY RUDD, forgery, 3 years, Mississippi State Penitentiary.

ALVIN SHIRACK, alias Alvin Myers, attempted robbery, 7 years, Kansas State Penitentiary.

ANDREW SMITH, worthless checks, released; insufficient evidence to convict.

ARCHIE SMITH, forgery, plead guilty, March 31, 60 days, Vandergrift (Pa.) jail.

EDWARD SOKOLOWITZ, alias Eddie Sakolove, forgery, May 1, 7 months parole.

CHARLES THAYER, forged note, plead guilty, 3 to 5 years, Auburn (N. Y.) prison.

JASPER TONGS, alias J. W. Clarke, forgery, April, 1917, 2 years, Arkansas State Penitentiary.

DENNIS WASHINGTON, alleged forgery, released; no true bill found.

ALBERTHA WILLIAMS, forgery, 30 days, Jackson (Miss.) jail.

JACK WILLIAMS, forgery, April 30, 2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

RAY WHITTENBERG, alleged robbery, released; prosecuting witnesses failed to appear.

#### STATISTICS OF PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1916	Arrested since August 31, 1916	Arrests in May, 1917	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane, or dead	Awaiting trial
Forgers .....	99	223	47	270	180	62	19	108
Burglars .....	..	9	4	13	2	7	..	4
Hold-up robbers	14	48	1	49	33	8	1	21
Total .....	113	280	52	332	215	77	20	133

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